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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Resolution Incorporating the General Convention of the Baptist Churches in the State of Connecticut and Vicinity — Passed May, 1824.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Asa Wilcox, Jonathan Goodwin, Augustus Boiles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said Convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention.*"

Resolve in Alteration, Passed June 15, 1899.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That the corporation known by the name of The Connecticut Baptist Convention, duly incorporated by the General Assembly of this state, May session, 1824, may hereafter have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be known by the name of "The Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART 3. This Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually, shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates. The payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this state.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property, to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society, and at every annual meeting of the Society, they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees, and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday-Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year; one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the First Vice-President shall preside, in the absence of President and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall preside; and in the absence of all three the Board shall choose a President *pro tem.* The Secretary shall be *ex officio* Secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, the two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It

shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At a meeting of the Board in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of Missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the Convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the state, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the Charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the state, a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

The Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year in the months of October, January, April, and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Duties of Officers and Finance Committee.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall

keep a careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

Rules to Govern Appropriations.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April, and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches

have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, and when they shall have satisfied the Board that their methods of raising funds are systematic, and best adapted for securing the largest possible revenues from their local constituencies.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church, without a pastor, applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to $500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

5. No appropriation shall be made to a church until its application has been approved by a Missionary Committee representing the association within whose territory the church is located; said committee to be elected by the association, or, in case of failure to elect, appointed by the President.

6. The quarterly appropriations of the Board shall not exceed one-fourth of the reasonably assured regular annual revenue from the churches and individuals and invested funds of the Convention, except upon the basis of definite pledges sufficient to cover the excess. The revenue is to be estimated by the average receipts of the Convention from aforesaid sources, for the three years immediately preceding.

The Superintendent of Missions.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

Amendments.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of the By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

General Resolution.

All resolutions, or parts of the same heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

Churches Contributing.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.

Legacies.

Form of a Legacy.— I also give and bequeath to The Connecticut Baptist Convention *dollars, lands, houses*, or *other property*, for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness — both lots and buildings.]

For The Building Fund.—I give and devise to The Connecticut Baptist Convention *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be*— for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for The Connecticut Baptist Education Society. Only be careful to specify the name.

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Convention.

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South Norwalk, Conn., October 16, 1906.

The Eighty-third Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting-house of the Baptist Church, South Norwalk, on the above date.

President Carnot O. Spencer called the Convention to order at 10:15 a. m.

After singing, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," J. H. Crossley offered prayer. After singing, "Jesus Shall Reign," Rev. H. B. Carpenter, pastor of the Church, welcomed the Convention:

Mr. President and Brethren: — For the first time in the history of South Norwalk Baptists, we have the pleasure of entertaining the State Convention. We want you to accept the assurance of our hearts that your coming to our town and homes is a profound enjoyment to us, and the task involved in the entertainment, is love's task, for this church has a large place in her affections for the State Convention, the representative of our denominational life in Connecticut.

We take it that you are here on the most urgent mission of Christian service, a mission that calls us to the most intense thought and consideration of the Convention's watchword and conquest — Connecticut for Christ.

Therefore, brethren, we are persuaded that our part is to minister to your comfort. We want you to share the freedom and blessing of our church home. Everything here is for your sake. If we

have failed in any way to anticipate your needs and wishes, we depend upon you to make them known.

We want you to feel at ease in the warmth of our hearts and the hospitality of our homes, and make them serve as the means of new joy in our united Baptist brotherhood.

We want you to feel at home in the Christian fraternity of our cities, which, from the very first word of your coming, has been manifested in expressions of interest and desire to have a part in making your stay enjoyable.

Brethren, all these things breathe their welcome to you. We receive you with gladness and over the doorways of our homes and hearts is written, Welcome Brethren, Welcome.

President Spencer made reply as follows:

Pastor Carpenter, and Brothers and Sisters of this Church: — This is the first time the Convention has ever met with your church. In 1872 it held its annual session with the First Church at which the late Hon. James L. Howard presided.

We are glad to be welcomed to your city, your church, and your homes. If you have not done this before, it was not from lack of interest in the work of the Convention. We remember with pleasure the support many of your pastors and laymen have given to it in some former years, but especially do we recognize the efforts of your pastor in its behalf and your generous contributions for the last three years. We have been pleased to note the prosperity and progress of this church, due in no small degree, to you, Brother Carpenter, and to your faithful supporters. In speaking of the South Norwalk Church and its prosperity we almost invariably associate your good Deacon Andrew Thompson who has been no small factor in bringing about such good results. His good deeds are not confined to your church alone. We have heard him named as one of "God's Stewards." Would there were more like him, in all of our churches.

Your Church was received into the Convention in 1862, at the same time the West Meriden, now "Main Street Church" was received. The hand of fellowship was extended to your then pastor, the Rev. W. T. Fagan by the Rev. J. P. Brown, President of the Convention. This veteran in the ministry is now living. From a membership of about 70, you have now nearly reached the 400 mark. I notice in the Convention minutes that in one year (1857) you reported 85 Baptisms. This record has not been kept up, but I am pleased to note that during the last year you have received large accessions to your membership, and have enjoyed the labors of one of the Convention Evangelists, and that you are soon to engage in

the good work with another of our Evangelistic workers, thus recognizing the agencies of the Convention in the ingathering of souls, and the building up of God's Kingdom. May the good work go on, and may all spiritual blessings be yours.

In the name of the Convention I heartily thank you for your welcome here to-day. We trust that our coming may be an inspiration to you all.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Convention meets to-day under most flattering auspices. The success that has attended the labors of our workers in the field encourages us, and calls for gratitude to God for His signal blessings.

With additional helpers for our Evangelistic and Mission work, we may look for larger results and still greater blessings during the year to come. We are coming more and more to recognize the fact, that by the influx of the foreign population, and the decadence of the religious element in some of the more sparsely settled communities in our State, Old Connecticut has been losing its religious power, and has become a field for evangelistic and mission effort.

Our Baptist Home Mission Society, whose motto is "America for Christ," no longer confines its efforts to the West and South, but, recognizing the changed condition in our Eastern States is heartily co-operating with the State Conventions and Missionary Societies, generously paying its proportion in support of the evangelists and mission workers on the field, and, these united efforts, cannot but tend to rebuild the waste places, to turn back the tide of immorality and infidelity, and to bring the foreign element into a recognition of the claims of Christ and His Kingdom. It is a work that is fraught with many trials and discouragements, but it must be faithfully and persistently prosecuted, and with the blessing of God the results so earnestly desired will be attained. While the increased interest in our Convention work is marked, and is a cause for congratulation, yet, there is still room for improvement. The Churches are not fully awakened to a sense of its importance. Education of the membership of the Churches as to the Missionary character of the Convention, is still needed. The importance of the field, and the need of funds with which to carry on the work, needs to be more fully impressed upon the hearts and consciences of the people; but, how shall this be done? Our faithful and energetic Superintendent has done much to enlighten the people as to the aims and needs of the Convention, but, his opportunities with the Churches, must, of necessity be limited; so much of his time being demanded in the

general supervision of the work. It seems to me that the responsibility in this matter, rests largely, with the pastors of our Churches.

The Convention should have, and, I believe has, to a large extent, the hearty co-operation of the pastors; but we want you to come into closer contact with it; to keep yourselves thoroughly informed of the work of the Convention, to come more fully into sympathy with the workers, and, in fact, to become imbued with the missionary spirit, in connection with our State Missions, so that you can present the cause to your congregations intelligently and sympathetically, and, if this is done, the members cannot but be interested, so that they shall perform their part in sustaining the cause. The pastors might also do much good service by inducing the brethren in their Churches to attend and to take part in the sessions of the Convention. There has been, for some years past, a dearth of strong laymen in its Councils.

Memory recalls such men as Francis Wayland, James L. Howard, Jabez Amsbury, J. W. Manning, James B. Hoyt, Albert Day, George Lovis, James Lockwood, William H. Potter, Wareham Griswold, George Alling, Ebenezer Morgan, John L. Denison, and others who have gone to their rest, but who were, while living, active members of the Convention. All honor to the laymen who are now interested in the work, but the number seems few in comparison with that of former years. We need young men to infuse life and activity into our work, middle aged men with strong hearts and with business methods, to aid in guiding its affairs, and men of more mature years, for counsel, and advice. A pull of the workers, pastors and people all together, would bring about results far beyond our expectations.

During a number of years, our efforts have seemed to be to "strengthen the things that remain," in the feebler churches, and to contend with difficulties in our mission work, but we are, thank God, beginning to be more progressive, in the institution of evangelistic forces, and in increased activities in the missions, but there is one form of activity, which in former years yielded good results, that, in recent years seems, in a measure, to have been neglected, and that is, the entering into new fields in the larger and more prosperous towns, and villages, where no Baptist Church, or interest, is sustained. I believe that a careful canvass in some of these increasing centers of population, would reveal a nuclei of baptized believers and friends of the cause, for the formation of Bible Schools, or Missions, or, even Churches. I am aware that this is a laborious, and sometimes, a trying and costly work, especially to build up such interests to a self sustaining basis; but it can be done, and often, successfully, as is evidenced by the many Churches in our State who owe their existence to such small beginnings; the more recent of these being the

Winsted and Torrington churches. The travels of our Colporteur, have, so far, I think, been mainly confined to the small towns and less populous districts in the State. If, during the year to come, he should go into the larger towns and villages, it seems to me that in making his house to house visits, he might at the same time, make a canvass, and note the names of persons and families having Baptist proclivities in these localities where there is no Baptist organization, and report the same to the Superintendent of Missions, who could, under advice of the Board, take such action as seemed desirable or necessary.

As Baptists, we have our distinct principles and beliefs, based upon what we believe to be the teachings of our Lord and Master, and, that are in accord with the beliefs and practices of His Disciples and of the early Christian Church, and it is our duty to promulgate these principles.

I firmly believe that there is room in some of these growing Communities, for more Church and religious privileges, than now exist; doubtless opposition would appear in some instances, but that we have often had to contend with in our efforts to carry on the work of the Master.

We wage our warfare on no sectarian basis, but with a simple desire to do the will of God, in the building up of His Kingdom and we have the spirit of love and comity for all who bear the name of Christian.

It was largely due to the Baptists in the beginning of the last century, that religious liberty was attained, and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience was made a part of the organic law of our State, and Baptists in these days have lost none of their spirit of liberty. I am reminded that our dear Brother James L. Howard, who has recently gone to his rest, was an earnest advocate and supporter of this branch of the work I have just indicated, as well as of the whole cause of Domestic Missions. The Board of Trustees have, I think, voiced the wishes of the Convention in suitable resolutions, commemorating his worth and his continuous services in connection with this body, for more than forty years. A sense of personal loss, would lead me to add another tribute to his memory, but in this connection I would simply add my appreciation of his support, advice, and encouragement upon my assuming the duties of President of the Convention and during my incumbency of the office, as long as he was able to render such service.

He always rejoiced at the success that crowned our laborers on the field,

"And he saw, ere his eye was darkened
The sheaves of the harvest bringing,
And he knew while his ear yet harkened
The voice of the reapers singing."

His name will be perpetuated in our Convention Annals, but, who shall take his place?

As I am about to relinquish the position of President of the Convention, I cannot conclude this address, without expressing my hearty appreciation of the trust you have reposed in me, and of your uniform courtesy during the six years of service. My relations with the Board have been pleasant, and my connection with the laborers on the field, so far as I have been able to come into contact with them, have endeared me to them, and to their work. I shall be less conspicuous, in the future, but, shall, I trust, lose none of my interest in the Convention.

I cannot close without paying some attention to our efficient Secretary and Superintendent of Missions. *Much,* could be said of him, but in deference to his modesty, I forebear, and can only speak of him in his relations to the President, in his official capacity. Since his appointment, four years ago, rarely, (except in the vacation season) has a week passed without his communicating with, and reporting to, the President, concerning the work in hand. In the interim between the sessions of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, we have acted in an advisory capacity. We have not always, "seen eye to eye" in all matters — occasionally, in his zeal, growing out of his sanguine temperament, he has suggested and advocated measures, that, to the more cautious temperament of the President, have seemed to be hardly advisable, yet after conference and discussion we have usually come to unity of thought and action.

His enthusiasm in, and devotion to, the work, have won my admiration.

His honesty of purpose and clear conception of duty indicates his loyalty to the cause which he so faithfully represents.

May his, and the next President's companionship, be as pleasant as has been ours.

I hope that the blessing of God will be upon your deliberations, and that you may plan wisely and well, for the advancement of His Kingdom, in this Commonwealth.

President Spencer announced the following Committees, to report at this session:

On Nomination of Officers — Rev. W. A. Spinney, Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. F. G. McKeever, D.D., R. P. Wilbur, Rev. J. W. Richardson.

On Resolutions — Rev. R. A. Ashworth, S. O. Preston, Rev. E. E. Loux, Rev. E. Sanderson, Rev. W. E. Bates, Rev. D. J. Neily.

On Place and Preacher — Rev. Frederick Lent, Rev. G. F. Whittemore, Rev. R. C. Hull, Rev. C. B. Bolles, Geo. M. Morse, E. F. Wilcox.

On Enrollment — Rev. A. E. Harris, Rev. F. C. Brown, Rev. E. W. Potter, Rev. W. A. Harrod, Rev. C. L. Snow, Rev. R. H. Sherman.

After singing, "Trust and Obey," the Treasurer, W. F. Walker, presented a summary of his report.

Voted, That the report of the Treasurer be accepted with such amendments as may be needful, and, after it has been audited, printed in the Minutes.

Rev. F. H. Divine read the Report of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To the Connecticut Baptist Convention, Greeting:

Dear Brethren:—Our report is a song of praise to God! "Let all the people praise Him." The year has been abundant in labors, but God has been more generous in the bestowal of blessing. With a strong conviction that the best is yet to be had, and that God is waiting to give us "beyond all that we ask or think," we come simply to report "progress," and ask for your further instructions, prayers, and substantial support.

Early in the year we were called to part with the service of Rev. G. H. Ferris, a faithful and efficient Trustee, on account of his removal to Pennsylvania. Death also has claimed one of our number, the Honorable James Leland Howard, whose long life, devoted service, and lovable character make the loss the greater. We have strong confidence that his interest, and service to the Convention will be largely maintained by his family, which knew so fully his generous and helpful purposes. His greatest gift is life molded after lofty ideals, infused with holy impulse, and stimulated by noble example. The Board, through its Executive Committee, has caused the following testimonial to be spread upon its records and a copy sent to the family.

IN MEMORIAM—HONORABLE JAMES LELAND HOWARD.

"The Connecticut Baptist Convention, in kindly and grateful memory of their dearly beloved brother, the Honorable James Leland Howard who passed from the earthly life to the heavenly, on the first day of May, 1906, hereby places upon its records this recognition of his services and character.

Brother Howard's official service to the Convention covered about thirty-nine years, having been elected a Trustee in 1867, Vice-President in 1870, and President in 1871, to which office he was re-elected annually until 1877, when he declined to serve longer in that capacity, since which time he served continuously as Trustee and as a member of the Executive Committee until his decease.

Brother Howard's executive ability, business qualifications, sound judgment, and tact made him a valuable member of the Board, while his uniform courtesy, gentlemanly bearing, and brotherly love won for him the highest esteem of all, and his intense zeal and love for the cause of Christ, manifested in generous giving and ready service, inspired all.

Every department of the Convention work, the feeble Churches, Bible Schools, Evangelistic Work, Missions among the foreign born, and Chapel Building, all received his sympathy and aid. His pre-eminent interest, wise foresight, and zealous service were most conspicuous in the establishment of New Missions and the ultimate organization of New Churches. Many of these are silent monuments of his generalship and service. In the matters of the Kingdom, and the work of the Baptist denomination in which he so fully believed and to which he was so loyal in all his liberality, Brother Howard was an Expansionist.

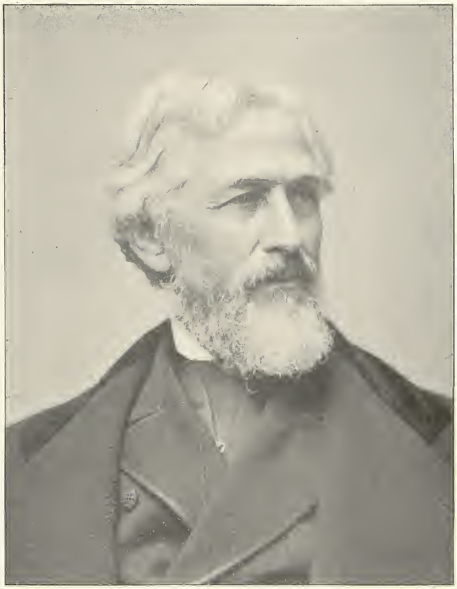
No one can measure the weight of his influence upon the Convention and the work of the denomination in Connecticut during these long years of service. His loyalty to his Master was unquestioned, and was none the less because of his zeal for and devotion to the work and teachings of the Baptist denomination.

His financial support of the Convention was constant and liberal, always welcoming and sharing in any forward movement, and often leading the way to prevent threatened deficits.

He was a noble Christian gentleman. We miss his benign face, his wise counsels, and his kindly acts, but we bless God that he lived and that we have had the benefit of intercourse with such a life. We trust that the memory of his life may be an inspiration to faithful service in our denomination and the cause of Christ.

CARNOT O. SPENCER, *President.*"

Adopted by the Executive Committee, at Hartford, Conn., June 29, 1906.



Hon. James Leland Howard

The business of the Convention has been given full consideration in the six regular meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, no extra meetings having been held. Minor matters and detail work have been carried on by the Officers and various Committees.

Upon his own insistance, President Spencer yields the gavel to other hands, after six years of self-sacrificing service. During his administration he has seen the work of the Convention doubled in its annual expenditure, largely increased in its working force, its Trust Funds multiplied by more than two, its Permanent Fund multiplied by seven, when the Eunice Wood estate shall have been fully settled, and the Evangelistic results multiplied by four. He has freely given his best thought, time, strength, and money, but now finds a satisfying return in the more prosperous condition that welcomes his successor. It is the hope of the Board that they may long enjoy the valuable service for which this experience qualifies.

Few know or realize the amount of labor and sacrifice bestowed by Treasurer W. F. Walker during the past twenty years of continuous service. Moreover, the duties and responsibilities of the office are increasing rapidly. His service deserves a recognition that we are scarcely able to give.

REVIEW.

That our constituency may have a living interest in the many sided work that the Convention is doing, it seems wise that we should give you a glimpse of the places served, men employed, conditions met, and results gained.

French Work.

We have every reason to rejoice at the progress that our missionary, Rev. B. F. Benoit, is making among the French people of Putnam, Danielson, and vicinity. Increased attendance, earnest inquiry, and occasional baptisms, evidence God's blessing upon a needed work at the hands of a wise and faithful servant.

German Work.

Rev. C. A. Gruhn is true to his post at Bridgeport, and is winning some tokens of success. Limitations and difficulties render all of our work among the German people slow of progress, but when we know the sturdy worth of those who are won from sin and mere form in religion, and, when it is discovered that the younger people are easily absorbed into our English speaking churches, the importance of this work cannot be overstated. We must do the work that joins the religious life of the adopted generation with what we hope to see in their children.

Swedish Work.

The beginning of the Convention year witnessed the removal of Rev. John Friborg from the pastorate of the Hartford Church to Los Angeles, California. On December 1, last, Rev. N. E. Valerius became the pastor. He has demonstrated his worthiness and efficiency in leadership. Both the spiritual and material sides of the work are yielding to his efforts. By the beginning of 1907 they will have accomplished the payment of another $1,000.00 on their mortgage debt. Toward this the Convention and the Home Mission Society each give $100.00. Upon the completion of this task they cheerfully accept a reduction of $60.00 per year in their regular appropriations from the two Societies. It is our judgment that such would accept nothing that they could reasonably do without. It is pleasant and profitable to aid them.

Rev. J. E. Klingberg is accomplishing much for God at New Britain. After six years of hard pastoral service, and the building up of so splendid a work as the Children's Home, the pastor has felt compelled to ask the church and the Convention to allow him to have an assistant who shall assume the burden of the work of the church, without added cost to the Convention, Home Mission Society, or the church. For reasons that seem to satisfy the pastor, he believes that He who has established and maintained the Home, will also care for the one whom He has placed over it. Your Convention honors the faith and motive of such service, but are not certain as to its practical working. We are convinced that Brother Klingberg is indispensable to the Home. While the church needs his full time and strength, the Convention does not purpose to hinder a wise readjustment and division of leadership, when the right man can be found. THREE members of this church are preparing for the ministry.

After being pastorless for ten months, the New Haven church found a pastor in Rev. O. C. Wieden who began service April 1. New Haven has a large Swedish population; the organization is receiving good returns for its labor, but their facilities are cramped and inadequate. Our attention should be turned toward them in the near future. A suitable working plant is indispensable to progress.

Waterbury has been the fulfillment of prophecy. A rich blessing of grace followed soon after their entrance into their new house of worship, and ten have been received by baptism. Much of the time they have taxed their facilities to the full, proving the great need for the completion of the auditorium at an early date. This will cost nearly $3.000.00. To that end, they will bear their part in a way that would put most of us to shame. It has been a matter of profound regret that impaired health, the exacting work of the past three years, and the building of their edifice, compelled Pastor Laurence

to lay down the work for six months of the year. We are glad to report that he has just returned to the work greatly improved in health. He plans large things wisely, and knows how to bring them to pass.

Though the Convention is giving no financial aid to the Swedish work at Bristol, we are glad to note that progress is making there. They are simply a branch of the Bristol Baptist Church.

Italian Work.

The condition and promise of the Italian work grows yearly. Our five missionaries are all tried and true men of excellent motives and high aims.

Rev. A. Roca is building a substantial work in Hartford, that is certain to challenge the attention of the indifferent and critical. Preaching services, Bible School, and Sewing School, all are well attended and full of interest. They need a suitable plant devoted exclusively to their own work. The hospitality of the First Church is generous, but does not meet the needs of the case. A Building Fund has been started. The missionary has just returned from a well earned rest.

On January 1, Rev. A. di Domenica and his people of New Haven came into possession of their chapel on George Street. This is the best Baptist plant for Italian work in America. They are carrying forward all departments of work though they have no church organization. A recent visit to their Young People's service was an inspiration.

At Stamford, chief interest centres in a bright and promising Bible School under the leadership of Miss E. Isabelle Youngs. Rev. V. di Domenica is faithful to all of his obligations, on a very difficult field. He not only leads the Stamford work, but has carried on a mission at Banksville a portion of the year, and also has preached every week to a company of his people in South Norwalk.

Rev. Joseph Rapp is making gains for his work and the Master at New London. In addition to the regular preaching, a promising Bible School has been organized for the children. Two young men were recently baptized and others are serious.

Rev. John Barone is accomplishing excellent things at Waterbury, Bristol and Torrington. After a very creditable examination in June, he was ordained to the work of the ministry. For a portion of the year he was relieved of the work at Torrington by Mr. G. Corrado, but this brother returned to Italy later in the year, since which time Brother Barone has carried on the work. Owing to recent removals and pressure of work upon the missionary, service at Torrington has been suspended temporarily. It has been no small task for Brother

Barone to do good work at Waterbury for these two years, and make his weekly visits to Bristol and Torrington, 13 and 20 miles distant respectively.

Work Among the Negroes.

Conditional aid was offered the Milford church in an effort to help them regain ground lost through the leadership of Rev. Mr. Fields, but they have found it impossible to meet the conditions.

Abruptly and unpleasantly Rev. J. F. Robinson left the pastorate of Mt. Calvary Church, Norwich. Financial matters were in a mixed and serious condition. Your Secretary took up their case in the winter, and, with the aid of friends and the creditors of the church, was able to pay off their floating indebtedness amounting to nearly $500. Since that time Rev. E. T. Curtis, a man of good repute and service, has come to the pastorate. The church has kept heart and is hopeful.

Early in the Convention year, Rev. T. H. Garnett, who had been the devoted leader at New Hope, Danbury, closed his labors in order that the preconceived scheme of a few others might be accomplished. This resulted in the settlement of Rev. D. C. Thomas and the discontinuance of Convention aid. For some time they had worshiped in the old Universalist Church building, but which they were unable to buy. Later in the year this property was sold, and now they worship in a rented hall. No band of Christians can hope to succeed by political methods and untrue leadership.

Rev. Isaac W. Reed has addressed himself to the problems of Grace Church, Waterbury, and has made commendable progress through the year. Aid in the sum of $50.00 was offered on condition that they should reduce their entire indebtedness by $700.00 during the year. The conditions are now being met.

The Convention has given its moral influence in support of the effort that the Union Church, Hartford, is making to secure a new house of worship. They were able to sell their old property to an advantage and are now building a suitable structure elsewhere, for which they had been raising money for years.

English Speaking Churches.

Rev. E. Hatfield has been faithful to the work at Andover, where progress is necessarily limited. Rev. J. W. Higgins reports great victories from the Eastford and Westford churches. Evangelist Baker aided both of these churches during the year, among the results of which are twenty-six baptisms. Several united with churches of other communions. At South Woodstock, Rev. R. H. Sherman has moved steadily on with many tokens of victory in spite of the fact that he has been ill a portion of the year.

East Killingly rises up to greet the present as not before in

twenty years. This historic church has been without a pastor for a score of years; much of the time has had no service. The tender memories and noble wishes of a former member, Miss Almira E. Westcott, prompted her two years ago to place $5,000.00 in the hands of the Convention, the income of which was to be used for the support of worship in the old church, under certain reasonable conditions. All efforts to accomplish the end in view failed until a few months ago when a new interest in the old church was aroused in the community. May 1, Rev. J. A. Peake came to the pastorate; early in September Evangelist Flanders was sent to their help; as a result seven were baptized. It was the first time the baptistry had been used in twenty-two years. As many more united by letter and experience, while others were ready to confess Christ in baptism. They are now making extensive repairs on the edifice. "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

At White Hills, they have seen evidence of spiritual and material blessing. One was baptized recently, and the edifice has been improved. Rev. A. A. Bickford, the pastor, is hopeful for better results in the near future.

Like many small suburban towns, Bloomfield suffers by removal of strong and helpful members, to the cities, but the church and pastor, Rev. H. M. Wolf, are determined to persevere. Canton is making some gain, as will be seen elsewhere. Evangelist Baker spent two weeks with them last December.

The Colebrook churches, under the care of Rev W. P. Bartlett, have maintained services through the year. The gains are not visible. At East Cornwall and Cornwall Hollow, Rev. P. S. Collins, has seen signs of blessing, some have been baptized, and at present, the pastor has hands and heart full because of the awakening following three weeks of services rendered by Evangelists Coats and Flanders. Several will be baptized at both places. A member of the East Cornwall church entered the pastorate this autumn, having graduated from Hamilton Seminary last June.

In June, Rev. A. B. Todd closed his pastorate at Tariffville, and was soon succeeded by Rev. W. A. House. Tariffville needs an awakening that only God can give. There are religious possibilities for the town, and our church is, humanly, the responsible agent to that end. May it be the rare privilege of the present pastor to experience and have his full share in such reformation.

West Hartford has had a year of mingled shadows and sunshine. Early in the year their leader, Mr. E. K. Jordan, was laid aside with fever. For some months another student of the Hartford Seminary carried on the work, but he, in turn, was succeeded by J. Harrison Thompson of Newton Seminary, whose work was blessed during the summer season. He was privileged to welcome some by baptism and al-

so by letter. The opening of the school year has forced another change, and they are pleased again to have the services of Mr. Jordan.

Calvary church, Torrington, one of the youngest daughters of the Convention, became pastorless early in the year, and did not find it possible to offer adequate support to secure the strength of leadership that is needful for such a growing city. In the premises, it seemed wise to offer such help as would make possible the securing of such a pastor as, under God, might be able to lead the church to her deserved place in the near future. Under such encouragement, Rev. O. W. Foye was secured, and is giving a good account of himself. Torrington church is destined to take her place among the strong, not from unholy pride, but because God exalts true character and service.

Cheshire is in evidence as not before in a long time. Pastor Gardner is full of hope for the little church. Such hope, plus an abundance of hard work, sustained by prevailing prayer, is sure of victory. Naugatuck Church, at Union City, has little to report, and yet, is holding on with a determination and sacrifice, that challenges the strongest. The amount of money that they raise every year is surprising for so few, who have only their earnings. Rev. C. C. Smith continues to lead them. At Shelton, Rev. G. D. Reid is doing good service and has made commendable progress through the year. It takes a long time for a church to recover from unfortunate set-backs from any cause, to say nothing of gaining the place that would otherwise have belonged to her. Shelton had her day of serious trial from which she has since suffered. O! that divisions, offenses, sin, might never enter a church. It is pleasing to note progress toward general improvement.

Rev. E. W. Darrow closed his pastorate at Sterling July 1, in order that he might complete his training at Newton Seminary. Since that time the church has been looking for a pastor. Good and capable men are few, who can be had for such places. This church has a member in the Senior class at Newton. Rev. N. B. Prindle, at Ledyard, is doing the best work possible under the present plan. The generous and unexpected bequest from the late Miss Eunice Wood to this little church has brought new hope to the faithful few. More will be said elsewhere in this report concerning this item. Some material improvements are under way, and it is hoped that the work may take on a permanency for which Miss Wood evidently intended to provide.

Efforts have been made in behalf of other churches in the matter of securing pastors and permanent services, but with uncertain result. Real helpfulness involves mutual and reasonable co-operation, which is not always in evidence.

Colportage Work.

Neither storms nor sickness have hindered Mr. Barnes in his house to house work. His is a trying work that few could or would do, and its full results are known alone to the eternal Recorder. We cannot doubt that much good has been done, perhaps as much as anyone could have done. He reports ninety-six sermons preached, thirty prayer meetings held, seventy-four addresses delivered, twelve hundred thirty-three calls made, forty-three inquirers, and $68.31 collected for the Convention.

Convention Evangelism.

The year has been marked by activity and with corresponding results, under the blessing of God. Rev. A. F. Baker served as State Evangelist until September 1, when he was compelled, for personal reasons, to give up our work, much to our regret as well as his. He is a workman of rare efficiency. During the Convention year, he aided the following churches for two weeks or more: Montowese, First Groton, New Milford, Canton, Third Norwich, Eastford, Rockville, First Stamford, Second Danbury, Fitchville, and Westford. As nearly as we can discover, one hundred seventy-six have been baptized into our churches as a result, while several have united with churches of other names.

The Secretary has aided in the same way the churches at Preston City, Sterling, First Ansonia, Wallingford and German Meriden, resulting in eighty-eight baptisms.

The summary of the Convention evangelism for the year is as follows: French, 4; German, 1; Swede, 26; Italian, 28; Negro, 6; English speaking aided churches, 61; other baptisms from Convention Evangelism, 234, making the total for the year 360.

PLANS AND FORCES FOR THE YEAR AT HAND.

The resignation of Evangelist Baker compelled your Board to seek a successor for this most important department of our work. Such an one was found in Rev. A. B. Coats, D.D., and he has been in our service since September 1, and has aided the Willington and the two Cornwall churches. Tokens of blessing are in evidence giving promise of a good year.

The need of a second Evangelist, who is especially gifted in song, became so apparent that a few men and women, most of them aged, heartily promised to be responsible for the salary of such a worker, whom we found in the person of Rev. C. K. Flanders. He also has been in service since September 1, and has already proved the wisdom

of this enlargement of our working force. Already the time of the Evangelists is fully promised until after the holidays. It is designed to make the services of these men and the Secretary available for as many churches as possible and accomplish the best results. Applications are considered in their order, and determined upon the basis of need and preparedness. The conditions are so simple that no church is debarred from having such help. Where the exigencies of the work demand it, they will go two by two. We only require that each church aided shall provide suitable entertainment, pay all necessary local expenses, and make as large a "Thank Offering" for the Convention as possible.

There is great need for a General Missionary for the State, whose service would be available for pastorless churches at critical periods, a man whose unique qualifications fit him to unite, encourage, inspire, and bring things to pass in a brief period, and make the way for a pastor and a brighter future. Such a man would find a large field open to him in Connecticut. It will cost, at least, $1,000.00 per year and expenses, to secure such a man. It is a pleasure to announce that one man has offered to be responsible for one-half of the net cost of such a worker for the first year. This is an opportunity that ought not to pass. Such a man might be able to prevent several churches becoming dependent upon our treasury.

Through the wisdom and generosity of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, we are enabled to add a woman missionary to our force laboring among the Italian people. This gift is a partial realization of our hopes concerning the attitude of our good sisters.

Time and Providence will reveal more clearly and definitely other leadings, which, it is hoped, may be followed and supported heartily.

THE PASSING OF SOME BAPTIST CHURCHES.

After being without service for twenty years, the small remnant of the Tolland church is seeking, by due process of law, to close up its affairs, and turn the proceeds over to the Convention before all goes to ruin. A consummation of this plan is likely to be attained at an early date.

The closing of the mills at New Hartford a few years ago, resulted in wiping out the resident membership of the Baptist church, thus leaving the property to the Convention. July 1, last, we were able to sell this property to a newly organized German Lutheran church for $1,700.00, more than could have been realized for any other purpose.

In 1873, a Baptist church was organized at New Canaan, and has maintained an uncertain existence since. Never strong, it has generally been a heavy burden to the Convention. It has never seemed to be Baptist ground, at least, the little church has had a stormy time on a rough road. Patience and the spirit of helpfulness have been shown until the case seemed to be hopeless. Among the later causes for doubt, as to the wisdom of longer continuing a Baptist effort at New Canaan, may be mentioned the difficulty of the less than a score to live in peace; their permitting a Mormon elder to occupy their pulpit for several weeks; their refusal to allow our Italian missionary to hold service for his people in the building at a time when it was not otherwise in use, notwithstanding the Convention held absolute deed to the property. When the Convention insisted upon its rights to permit such service, the half dozen who met there occasionally for a prayer meeting, left, and refused to worship where the Italians were permitted to gather. After two years, with the cost of insurance, and natural depreciation, it seemed wise to sell the property. A purchaser has been found, and the property sold for $3,250.00. The proceeds of these transactions have been added to the Edifice Fund, and will be invested, in the wisdom of the Board.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

In the endeavor to save Connecticut for Christ, your Convention could accomplish very little, were it not for the help gained from special sources, whose helpfulness we hereby gratefully call to your remembrance.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society, for sharing equally the financial burden of **work among foreign nationalities,** aiding in **Chapel building,** and also the support of the **State Evangelist.**

The American Baptist Publication Society, for its support of the **Colportage Wagon work,** save half of the salary.

The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, for the support of a **woman missionary** among the Italians.

The New Haven Baptist Union, and the **Hartford Baptist Union,** for hearty support of the local Italian, and other work in their respective cities.

The Bible-schools of our churches, whose support has made possible the maintenance of a State Evangelist. The boys and girls are doing a great service for the Convention and Christ.

The Young People's Societies, which support **the Colporteur and a Swedish missionary.**

Friends, who pay for a **Singing Evangelist.**

One who offers to give half the cost of a **General Missionary.**

The increasing number of various **Woman's Societies** which are studying and supporting State Missions.

The **few friends,** who always respond in times of **emergency.**

The Baptist Social Union of Connecticut, which sustains the interest in the Anniversaries to the last. It would be a serious loss to the general work of the Convention if the Social Union should cease from its annual service.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION IN OUR CHURCHES.

The success of every missionary enterprise is dependent upon the support of its constituency. The support of such constituency will be determined by the intelligent interest and orderly activities of our church members. That there is need for both education and organization is apparent from the facts. When some pastors of our own churches do not know the difference between "State Missions," Suffield, or the Education Society, there is need for a correct understanding of denominational organizations and their respective aims. When the Superintendents of our Bible-schools do not know the difference between the Bible School Department of the Convention and the Connecticut Sunday School Association, as has been the case several times in the last year, there is need for more education. When there are twenty to thirty churches that take no offering for "State Missions," and when the average giving of our churches to this object is only sixteen cents per member, it must be evident that there is a lack of interest born of want of knowledge and well directed energy. Is it the fault of our forms of organization, or is it the need of organization? We answer, *both.* The church is the organized unit. Its efficiency will never be greater than its inner life. Missions are the result of life expressing itself. The power of that expression will be sustained by, and in proportion to the intelligent, well directed, and well poised spiritual energies. God places power to discern within, energy and will as well, and also judgment with which to direct one's activities and interests. No less is true of the church as the organized unit. Its life forces are within, its motives should lie within, God moving upon their souls, and intelligent energy should be directed from within. Not many organizations with differing aims, but one organization with a vision broad enough to see, as God sees, and respond in proportion to vision.

The ideal church will be organized and directed from within, never from without. Outward agencies may become vehicles for ex-

pressing the energy of the churches, and, as such, may make their appeals, but never become directors of the life forces of the churches. Neither will the ideal church be segregated on lines of age, sex, or specifics. One missionary organization is all that is good for any church; its membership should be the membership of the church; its object should be to gather, from time to time, to consider, in their turn, every interest of Christ's kingdom, and direct their support in any number of directions as He may please. A better understanding of "State Missions" is greatly needed, a more potential energy as well, but it would be a calamity to have a society in our churches in the interest of State Missions. It may be that circumstances necessitate departments within our churches, but was the Master in error when He depended upon Life in the believer, and the church as the organized unit for Its expression, even unto the solution of all world problems? Education gives eyes to see, organization is but the machine that is driven by intelligent spiritual affection and will.

LOSING A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY.

Limitations in available funds, and also scarcity of workers, make it impossible for the Convention to meet the demands for service among our New Population, to say nothing of numerous other communities for whom nothing is being done. Bristol, Southington, Meriden, and Middletown have been calling for Italian missionaries. New Haven is asking for a Bible woman; and Bridgeport has need for a Hungarian missionary. Most of these requests must be denied. Much might be done by the churches themselves to meet this need, solve some of the problems of their own life, fulfill their missionary responsibility, and derive rich returns. We suggest two methods: (1) Language Schools for the stranger. (2) Departments in our Bible Schools into which the children of the foreigners may be gathered.

We are glad to note, that the suggestion as to the former, made a year ago by this body, has been taken up by the Bristol church and is bearing fruit. Many others ought to move vigorously along the same line. Ready pupils will be found in many races who are anxious to know our speech, and who will respond to the Christian love that is so presented.

As a matter of fact most of the children of the foreigners use our language with more freedom and a better understanding than the language of their parents. Moreover, these children are as bright and quick as our own. Will some one give a good scriptural reason why they should not be solicited and given a place in our Bible schools? While many of our churches are waiting for some outside missionary organization to solve these problems for them, they might be build-

ing a strong missionary body for themselves out of this neglected but needy population. The church that lives for itself, exists to die; the church that gives its best for others, finds its largest life. Your Convention is impatient to aid in this matter, as fully and as rapidly as possible, but in the meantime we urge the churches to address themselves to the task before the opportunity is lost, and Rome, unbelief, anarchy, and vice, gain full control where Christianity ought to prevail as in the past.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

We might mention many of these, but will only call your attention to the three most important.

(1) East End Church, Bridgeport. This church was organized last October, and duly recognized by a Council called for the purpose. They have supported themselves from the first, raised nearly $1,000.00 toward a building lot, which they have purchased, and made a large gain in numbers. They are a united spiritual body of poor people, worshiping in rented quarters which they have for a limited service. They ask for nothing that they can do for themselves, but the work they desire to do requires a suitable plant. Help to that end should be given without delay. Your Board is ready to give such aid as is within their resources, but more is needed, and should be available from those who desire the progress of Christ's kingdom.

(2) Olivet Church, New Haven. This church is twelve years old, has always been self-supporting, occupies a large field well removed from other Baptist churches, is composed of a desirable class of mechanics and people of small earnings. They worship in an abandoned Methodist Church edifice which has become inadequate in every way. Their membership has reached 218, and this year they report 35 baptisms, the second largest number in the Association for the year. They can live unto themselves in the small old edifice, but to realize their missionary opportunity and desire they must have adequate working facilities. Already they are raising funds among themselves with a spirit of heroism, not only to be admired, but helped. They neither ask, nor do we think they would accept, any man's gifts for their own sakes, but that they may be able to do the work of Christ where it is needed. This is a strategic point for Baptists, the time is favorable, and may it not be that God has brought Dr. Ford to this work for such a time as this? They who invest now may live to see the results. Such enterprises ought not to be compelled to beg for needed help. We commend them to all.

(3) Increased Emphasis on Evangelism. Not by Convention workers alone, but by all of our pastors and churches. There are no barren fields in Connecticut. Our workers have demonstrated the

rich possibilities of the most unpromising communities. It is impossible for the Convention to do the Evangelistic work for the whole state; it would not be wise, if it were possible. Such work as is done ought to inspire courage and faith in pastors and churches to realize for themselves what God has in store. Place as much emphasis as you will upon other forms of Christian work, the fact remains, that Evangelism is the basis of all Christian progress. The churches and pastors have been sent forth to this end, and will He, who has sent them, deny the results for which He has sent them? True Evangelism is Christian character and intelligence bearing its fruit.

With the desire to be more helpful in this direction to all of our pastors and churches, an Evangelistic Conference has been arranged, and is to be held in Hartford, November 19-21, and is to be conducted by the Evangelistic leaders of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. This will afford a valuable season for instruction and inspiration, which ought to show large results in the coming campaign. Hartford Baptists offer the hospitality of their homes, and the Convention desires to defray the traveling expenses of all the Baptist pastors in the State for this Conference. This, we believe, is a legitimate use of Convention funds.

We cannot emphasize sufficiently the need for prayer, by all of our people, for God's blessing upon our Evangelistic Work and Leaders. Earthen vessels they, who can only win by His Blessing and Power.

GIFTS FROM GOD FOR THE YEAR.

We have not awakened from a dream, that seemed too good to be true. God has been doing things for us in His own way. We record,

(1) From **Mr. R. Burney,** Torrington, the gift of a building lot valued at $600.00. This gift was prompted by his interest in the work among the Italians.

(2) From **Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gallup,** Norwich, $2,000.00 on the Annuity plan, the principal to constitute the Elizabeth H. Gallup Fund upon her decease.

(3) By the bequest of the **Honorable James L. Howard,** Hartford, $2,500.00 which has been invested and will be known as the James L Howard Fund.

(4) By the bequest of **Miss Eunice Wood,** Ledyard, a stranger, and not a Baptist, her residuary estate, amounting to about $35,000.00, a sum more than three times larger than any previous gift to the Convention, and more than the entire present Permanent Fund, which represents the accumulations of eighty-three years, from all of our people, living and dead. In addition to this gift, $3,000.00 is

left to the Ledyard Baptist Church. This was of God's own doing, and is the testimony from without as to the wisdom of the Convention's work. Will some one tell us why it remained for a stranger of another communion to so far outstrip Baptist foresight, appreciation, and gifts? Upon the settlement of this estate next winter, this gift will be invested and held as the Eunice Wood Fund.

(5) **Three Hundred Sixty Priceless Souls** for our labor. In spite of the foregoing evidences of God's great favor, it has been necessary to raise, by private subscription, about $2,000.00 in order that we might have no deficit, and face another year with hope.

GOD'S CALL FORWARD.

We read God's call to advance in the neglected and Christless condition of the vast majority of our commonwealth, in city and country, native and foreign. Some care not for themselves, some plead for the strengthening of the arm for conquest, while still others ask for a knowledge of Christ and salvation. Who is so blind that he cannot see? Are any so deaf that they cannot hear? Who can evade, or excuse himself in the face of His command? Who will point out the geographic and race obligations of the Great Commission, and leave out Connecticut, or any of its subjects?

What mean the busy factories, houses of merchandise, productive farms. wealthy banking houses, railroads and other corporations, in which Baptists have substantial interests? What would be the dividends without the blessing of God? Of what worth or pleasure are these dividends without the favor of God in health, family, and home? When dividends are declared, is there no proportionate share due to the Owner of all things, the Partner in every honorable undertaking? Yes, God's call to GO FORWARD is heard in the material prosperity of every Connecticut Baptist.

The chiefest concern of God is for the life of His own people. The command to GO is not merely that the uttermost part needs us or our money, but because our own LIFE is at stake. Without impartation, life stagnates and perishes. Christians, save yourselves. Work out your salvation. Every missionary appeal is the finger of God's alarm pointed, not at the perishing beyond, but at the deadly peril of your own soul in its self centered state. "He that saveth his life shall lose it; but he that loseth his life, for my sake, shall save it."

What meaning do you discern in the unusual blessings upon our work for the year? More than $40,000.00 in special gifts, and 360 priceless souls, to make no mention of that which is neither seen nor numbered. It was a pierced hand that reached forth these gifts in all their forms. Full of humble, grateful praise, our hearts crave for

more and better. Can we hope for more, or even so much another year, if we are wanting on our part? The scarred hand that reached forth so much to us during the past year is still held forth in appeal. God wants YOU, every one, and all you have. BE HIS FOR THE YEAR TO COME, TO USE AND BE USED TO HASTEN HIS COMING. The surprise will be delightful, and the glory resplendent.

Adopted by the Board, South Norwalk, October 15, 1906.

F. H. DIVINE, *Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES.

Missionaries.	Field of Labor.	Weeks Employed.	Baptized.	Sermons Delivered.	Prayer Meetings Conducted.	Other Addresses.	Pastoral Visits.	Paid by Convention.	Paid from Other Sources.
B. F. Benoit...	Putnam, etc...	52	4	154	80	2	1,117	$376 13	*$376 12
A. Roca ‡ ‡.....	Hartford.....	52	8	104	52	3	327	160 00	*320 00
A. di Domenica	New Haven...	52	9	91	55	12	607	¶410 00	*400 00
V. di Domenica	Stamford.....	52		104	74	2	383	385 00	*385 00
V. di Domenica	‡S. Norwalk ..	52		51			82	†	* †
V. di Domenica	Banksville	8		8			20	†	* †
Joseph Rapp..	*New London	52	2	146	57	54	361	360 00	*360 00
John Barone..	Waterbury....	52	9	52	52	8	1,472	310 00	* †
John Barone..	Bristol.....	52		53	39		427	†	
John Barone..	Torrington....	30		30	13		319	†	* †
G. Corrado	Torrington....	17		5	7		3	24 52	*24 52
	Totals.....	471	32	819	429	81	4 952	$2,459 31	$2,319 32

* American Baptist Home Mission Society.

¶ The Italians pay $100 00 additional.

‡ $350 00 of this sum was paid by the Hartford Baptist Union.

† Half of traveling expenses.

‡ Hall rent costs $1 00 per week, and is shared equally with the A B H M S.

** Hall rent costs $15 00 per month, and is shared equally with the A B H M S.

‡‡ Absent on leave for three months.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM AIDED CHURCHES

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Weeks of Service.	Baptized.	Added by Letter, Etc.	Membership.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer Meetings	Pastoral Visits.	For Home Expenses.	BENEVOLENCE. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Paid by Convention.
Andover,	E. Hatfield,	52	1	..	37	46	47	227	$408 22	$5 00	$8 00	$12 00	$13 50	$38 50	$50 00
Eastford,	J. W. Higgins,	52	17	5	61	41	41	144	476 87	56 00	10 00	20 00	32 00	118 00	60 00
Westford,	J. W. Higgins,	52	9	..	48	46	26	115	152 17	37 00	5 00	5 00	33 50	80 50	40 00
Ea t Killingly	J. A. Peake,	21	7	7	57	42	24	386	180 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†
Woodstock, South,	R. H. Sherman,	52	6	6	72	45	53	157	500 00	10 00	.....	.....	4 00	14 00	75 00
Bridgeport, German,	C A. Gruhn,	52	1	5	62	142	88	452	580 00	15 00	18 00	.....	.....	71 00	156 00
White Hills,	A. A. Bickford,	52	1	..	45	43	16	185	574 00	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	20 00	80 00
Bloomfield,	H. M. Wolf, Jr.	52	..	..	40	99	43	172	501 68	20 00	28 50	.....	35 15	83 65	100 00
Canton,	F. H. Cooper,	52	4	..	40	92	48	245	363 50	41 65	5 00	4 00	3 53	54 18	100 00
Colebrook, North,	W. P. Bartlett,	52	..	2	7	49	..	84	170 00	3 25	1 50	1 50	5 87	12 12	40 00
Colebrook, South,	W. P. Bartlett,	52	..	..	47	57	7	116	210 00	7 25	2 00	.....	3 50	12 75	60 00
Cornwall, East,	P. S. Collins,	52	3	1	51	48	59	104	259 95	20 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	35 00	50 00
Cornwall Hollow,	P. S. Collins,	52	..	..	20	46	16	53	119 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	9 00	50 00
" "	John Friborg,	4	5	4	102	15	6	39	41 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50*
New Britain, "	N. E. Valerius,	43	3	11	101	148	51	393	1,298 86	20 00	20 00	17 02	35 29	52 31	125 00*
Tariffville,	J. E Klingberg,	52	7	7	130	164	70	275	1,049 56	9 26	9 17	.....	72 77	91 20	120 00*
"	A. B. Todd,	39	..	..	..	69	31	266	450 54	.....	4 50	2 50	16 00	23 00	75 00
"	W. A. House,	9	..	6	64	20	12	26	120 24	15 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	31 00	17 31
Torrington	O. W. Foye.	24	..	7	163	35	18	200	571 75	65 00	.....	.....	.....	65 00	138 46
West Hartford,	E. K. Jordan,	17	..	..	..	18	17	23	122 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00
" "	A. C Ernst,	14	..	..	..	14	13	15	96 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
" "	Harry Thompson,	18	3	6	46	27	12	64	126 00	10 00	5 56	5 00	.....	20 56	36 00
Cheshire,	G. H. Gardner,	52	6	3	30	46	14	57	187 30	2 50	3 50	1 50	90	8 40	52 00
Naugatuck,	C. C. Smith,	52	..	4	23	96	44	292	577 26	4 00	3 75	1 50	13 71	22 96	156 00
New Haven, Swede,	O. C. Wieden,	26	1	4	102	78	40	102	516 00	10 00	35 00	.....	45 00	90 00	50 00*
Shelton,	G. D. Reid,	52	4	12	109	95	62	370	866 75	13 00	4 25	5 83	28 50	51 58	160 00
Waterbury, Grace,	I. W. Reed.	52	6	10	126	83	50	436	1,426 83	8 00	.....	.....	140 00	148 00	50 00‡
Waterbury, Tabernacle.	A. O. Laurence,	52	10	1	66	155	96	265	1,777 00	19 00	10 00	.....	52 20	81 20	175 00*
Ledvard,	N. B. Prindle,	52	..	..	..	30	9	44	... ..	7 55	.....	.....	.....	7 55	100 00
Sterling,	E. W. Darrow,	39	..	..	75	83	52	65	327 50	30 00	.....	8 00	13 33	51 33	75 00
Churches, 26.	27 Pastors, yrs.	23.9	94	101	1,724	1,972	1,065	5,366	$14359 89	$448 46	$184 73	$97 85	$601 75	$1,332 79	$2,267 27

* Paid an equal sum by American Baptist Home Mission Society.
† Income from Westcott Fund.
‡ Subscription to Debt Fund from Edifice Fund.

Following the reading of the report, and at the request of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary made a brief statement of the exact financial condition and asked for responses which were quickly made, amounting to about $800.00, after which all joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Rev. W. A. Spinney, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

For President, Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D., Hartford.
For First Vice-President, Charles Edward Prior, Hartford.
For Second Vice-President, Newton C. Smith, Waterbury.
For Secretary, Rev. F. H. Divine, Hartford.
For Treasurer, Wm. F. Walker, New Britain.
For Auditor, Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford.

Voted, That the stenographer be instructed to cast the ballot for the list of officers named. Upon his doing so they were declared elected.

An offering was received amounting to $22.27. After singing, "Rescue the Perishing," Carnot O. Spencer, the retiring President, introduced the President-elect, Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D., saying:

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this platform. Your long continued helpfulness, your love for the cause, fit you for the ~~purpose~~, and I heartily welcome you to its duties and privileges. I remember in looking over some of the old minutes of the Danbury Association that there was the request that no titles should be given to their ministers; this prevailed for a time, but a change crept in, and finally they were called Reverend, and at last the D.D., was received. The degree of D.D., upon Brother Thompson, we all recognize the propriety of it, and no one is more revered or honored than our new President.

In accepting the position President Thompson said:

"*Brother Spencer, retiring President of our Convention, Brethren and Sisters:* — It is with great humility and reluctance that I accept this position. I recognize the responsibility that will be upon me for the coming year, and I feel unequal to the accomplishment of the

task, as I realize it should be accomplished. I believe that I must have declined the honor if it were not for the feeling, that I am, in a vicarious sense, showing the appreciation of the church of which I am the pastor. Twenty-two years ago thirty poor people felt that they must establish a church. They could not have done this but for the help of the Convention; this was given, and three years later they became self supporting. They bought the property, the Convention paid the interest, and the church paid the principal, and in five years they were free from debt. You cannot question but that that church has been, and will be loyal to the interests of this Convention; and as pastor of that church, I am ready to make the offering of such service as I can render, knowing that the church will be ready to spare me for the time necessary for this work. I want simply to say that I am putting myself at your service for Jesus' sake.

Rev. J. R. Stubbert spoke of his personal knowledge of Brother C. O. Spencer's work for the Convention since 1874, and then moved a vote of thanks to our retiring President. The motion was carried by a rising vote.

Rev. P. C. Wright preached the annual sermon.

ABSTRACT OF SERMON.

Theme: "The Unexplored in the Realm of Faith." John 14: 12.

These words of our text were doubtless spoken in the chamber where the supper had been eaten. Jesus was facing the tremendous experiences of the last hours. The disciples were broken hearted and dazed. Jesus was endeavoring to encourage their faith and love. To believe on Jesus is not merely to believe the facts of his historic life as facts. Faith is the conviction of things not seen. Faith is the instrument through which the unseen is converted into the seen; through which the spiritual is crystalized into the practical.

That sort of faith becomes a restoring principle in life. That sort of faith becomes both an expulsive and an impulsive force in life.

Thought and observation reveal the fact that in different lives and in different periods faith is experienced in different degrees of energy.

We desire, if possible, to set the bounds of faith. On the one side Jesus will reveal the ideal of faith. In the first place he always set himself forth as the object of faith. Faith with any other object will not prove a saving faith. Then, too, faith in Him, not as a miracle worker, but rather faith in Him as a person, the Divine Lord, who is the Way, Truth and Life. Second, He presented faith in Him as possible of such a character as to enable Him thereby to change

spiritual and physical conditions. Third, He clearly taught that, through the faith of his disciples, power enough should be manifested to cause men to believe on him. Among disciples who had accompanied him, it required power to perform miracles. At Pentecost it required the gift of tongues. Whatever is necessary in any particular age to cause men to believe will come to men through faith.

The boundary of faith on the other extreme is the faith of the church to-day. Among the characteristics of faith to-day are:

(1) Impatience of Mystery. Our impatience at mystery has estabiished a doubt of miracles. We are led to discard all that seems in discord with known laws. Again moral and religious impressions which lead to faith become to us phenomena of experience. Religious experiences are both causes and effects of psychic life. Again we have trouble with the idea of inspiration. We are impatient of mystery.

(2) Present day faith accepts Christianity too much as a system of doctrines. The theological and philosophical phases of Christianity almost submerge the vision of spiritual life.

(3) Present day faith has abstract truth as its object. Not a living, energizing person, but an abstract truth.

(4) Present day faith lacks power evidencing a divine presence, therefore fails to convince men that Jesus can save. Faith isn't showing any miracles of power.

Between the faith of to-day and faith as Jesus taught is a great realm which, at present, is an undiscovered realm. Within lies a better life, a better service, a greater joy, and a greater glory for our King. Let us break through the bounds and possess the land.

Prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. Hurlburt, and Rev. P. C. Wright pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

President Thompson called the Convention to order at 2:45 P. M.

Singing, "Anywhere with Jesus."

Rev. O. R. O. Farel led in prayer.

The Report of the Board was discussed in three addresses. Rev. N. B. Prindle spoke of "Evangelism in Rural Communities."

There is great need of this, but the day for it seems to be passing away. Eleven churches, having each its pastor, and, in the aggregate, 447 members, had no conversions for a year. Surely there cannot have been the earnest, honest work needed. God is able and willing to help in such communities, and there is better opportunity to come in touch with God in the rural communities than in the cities. Why are there not conversions? Is it not because it is easier for the flesh to go on without evangelism than to do the necessary work? Or have the pastors concluded that nothing can be done on their own special fields?

Rev. J. W. Ford, D.D., discussed the "Missionary Needs and Opportunities in Our Cities."

He said that the cities hold the destinies of the country. There was a time when the country sent strong helpers to the cities; but now the country is filling up with foreigners so that the city must raise up and train its own workers. After speaking of the general opportunity in cities he applied the thought to the work in the Olivet Church of New Haven; the time has come when that church, that has made such heroic gifts, needs help from without.

Rev. R. A. Ashworth offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That the Convention give its hearty endorsement to the building enterprise of the Olivet Church of New Haven, and recommend it to the Baptist Churches of the State."

"Ownership and Responsibility" was the theme discussed by Rev. R. C. Hull.

He showed that in reality all belongs to God. God expects us to use what is really necessary for our best service for Him; but our only safe way is to lay aside for Him before we spend for ourselves. We must decide for ourselves what proportion shall be left in His hands. We are only stewards or trustees; and we are always to recognize *His* ownership, and *our* responsibility.

Singing, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Voted, That the Report of the Board of Trustees be accepted.

Under the leadership of Secretary Divine, representatives of the varied work of the Convention spoke of their work.

Mr. W. O. Barnes told of the Gospel Wagon and its work.

Rev. B. F. Benoit represented the work among the French.

Rev. C. A. Gruhn told of the work amongst Germans.

Rev. J. Klingberg gave an account of the work for the Swedes.

Rev. J. W. Higgins showed how God blesses the rural districts.

Rev. O. W. Foye spoke of the needs and work in the growing centres of population.

Rev. C. K. Flanders spoke of the evangelistic work.

Singing, the "Glory Song."

Rev. J. P. Brown who is attending the Convention for the 57th time in succession, was introduced and given the Chautauqua Salute after having spoken of the former days.

Rev. W. A. Spinney, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, presented the report which was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Your Committee have a right to report good things regarding evangelistic work in the state. The clearly legible mark of evangelism has been stamped on our Baptist missionary work for Connecticut. The aim and real purpose of the Convention seems to center in the spirit and effort of evangelism. The sign board of providential leadings is clearly pointing to the local church as the most effective field for evangelism. It was once thought that evangelism must be led off and sustained by some great leader or leaders with special adaptation for this peculiar work. Then it was considered that the great crowd was necessary to evangelism. Now the emphasis is being placed on the local church as the base of operation for thorough and abiding evangelism.

The crowds may be moved, the specially qualified leaders in evangelism will prove to be strong aids in the work; but the pastor and the membership of the church must practice the spirit of evangelism.

To this end our strong evangelistic force of last year has been augmented this year in a most creditable manner. Practically we have three men in the field of evangelism, Coats, Flanders and Divine, who have come to the Kingdom in such a time as this, to strongly emphasize the possibility and practicability of pastoral evangelism; for these brethren have come from successful pastorates. The voice of the conservative theological seminary of to-day is this:

"Evangelism is the only regenerator of the human heart, the only real cleanser of the life of the nation." It is the strong evangelistic pastor who is called to the chair of Homolitics in one of our foremost theological seminaries. What does this mean, but that we are to have a new generation of pastors who will be thoroughly imbued with the spirit, and trained in the best methods, of evangelism. When the theological training school begins to breathe the spirit of evangelism upon the student body, then our churches will be looking for evangelistic pastors.

The ease with which the money has been secured, from laymen, for additional evangelistic aid in connection with our Convention, forms a renewed emphasis upon the value and importance of pastoral and church evangelism. In some portions of our country the laymen are catching the fire of evangelism. In one city an entire evangelistic campaign was inaugurated and managed by the laymen in the churches. More and more evangelism is entering into the local church. This is exactly what our State Convention is seeking to emphasize by making it possible to assist churches and pastors. But the whole movement is vitally related to the continuous evangelistic spirit and effort in the churches.

Evangelism is laying hold of the attention and earnest endeavor of persons of the highest culture and scholarly attainments with ardent apostolic fervor. The day has gone when men of the finest sensibilities, and rare social and mental powers, push aside evangelistic effort as unworthy their strongest love and devotion. We are coming upon a day with changed conditions. In general, the pastors of the churches are coming into closer sympathy with a sane evangelism. Their hearts are burning for a deeper spiritual life which will show itself in reaching out for those without the fold. The workers from the schools, from the counter, the workshop and the farm may now join heart and effort in an evangelism which will help to save the world. Evangelism is to the life of the church what wings are to the bird, or fins to the fish of the sea. Without evangelism the church will never move nor soar in spiritual activities. The very life of the church depends on the fervor and strength of evangelism. It is her propagating life.

In such an atmosphere there is a new blessing in ministerial and Christian living. There is a heavenly benediction awaiting the new soul-winner — "the joy of a new love for humanity — the passion of selfsacrificing born out of being in touch with the Christ of Calvary." When we cannot see love in the self-complacent conservatism of a bed of roses, we can always see it in the passion of a crown of thorns.

We have indeed come to the doing of evangelism. There has been much and long talk about this one theme which is on the lips of so many of God's dear children. The day has come when we are

to do evangelism. Since coming to this city yesterday your Committee, ably assisted by the local Committee, pastors and laymen in song and message, have been doing evangelism, at night on the street corners in the presence of the deeply interested crowds, and in the early morning, and at noon in the shops before large groups of working men and women who invite us to come again. Your Committee is profoundly impressed with this sort of evangelism in connection with our Convention anniversary. We hope to hold four more of these evangelistic services for the people before we leave the city.

The spirit of evangelism is strongly voiced in the call for an Evangelistic Conference to be held in Hartford, November 19-21, under the auspices of evangelistic leaders of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. We desire to urge every pastor in the State, with as many laymen as possible, to attend that Conference. It is devoutly hoped that from that Conference will go glowing torches lighting the way for an evangelistic campaign in all our churches throughout the Commonwealth.

It would seem as though the time is ripe for such a movement all along the line in city, village and hamlet for the salvation of the lost ones, and the great glory of our King. The pastor must take the initiative in the great work of soul winning. Show your warm, burning heart to the people in this supreme mission of the church. With pleading, importunate prayer for the Holy Spirit's presence and power, hold on until the blessing comes in plentiful showers. We must resign our whole self to evangelism or resign our pastorate. It may be that we will find our churches waiting for the true, manly ring of evangelism as voiced in the tone, word, life and sincere effort of the pastor. When the fire burns warmly and brightly on the pastor's hearthstone the church may awaken to her neglected duty, and souls will be warmed and lighted to a strong, more vital, overflowing life in Christ.

Pastors, laymen, young men and young women in all our churches, let us go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, with the confident assurance that we shall come again, not simply with eleven hundred baptized into our churches, as last year, or 360 into our mission churches and through the special aid of the evangelists, but each shall come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. SPINNEY, *Chairman.*
For the Committee.

An offering amounting to $12.36 was received.

Rev. A. B. Coats, D.D., spoke of "The Motive in Evangelism."

Various motives lead to action. I suggest a few motives.

1. A certain helpful notoriety which comes to the pastor; but this is a selfish motive, and cannot be expected to result in good.

2. A revival might remove obstacles; but this may be selfish.

3. The church sometimes thinks a revival would increase the declining income.

4. Local denominational pride sometimes becomes a motive.

5. At times the philanthropic motive leads to action.

6. But the ultimate motive is composed of three elements:— Love for Christ, sympathy with Christ, and loyalty to Christ.

Let us search our own hearts and learn our motives, and then strive to crown Jesus Lord of all.

President Thompson pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Rev. C. K. Flanders led a praise service at 7 P. M. Rev. W. D. McKinney offered prayer; and an anthem was rendered by the choir.

Rev. Frederick Lent, Ph.D., Chairman of the Committee on Bible Schools, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

The report made one year ago called attention to the fact that in the decade ending 1904, membership in our churches had increased 1,413, while the membership of the Bible School decreased 1,215. Roughly speaking, for every new member coming into the church, one member was lost from the Bible School. The report also showed that the turning of the tide came in 1903. For the last three years, enrollment in the Bible School has kept pace with increase in membership in our churches, yet not even now is the situation such as to show a healthy condition of affairs in the churches. To say that the meagre enrollment in the Bible Schools is due to the small birth rate among Americans, and the high percentage of Roman Catholics and Jews in the State is wide of the mark. The one cause for depleted Bible School membership is the lamentable coldness of the churches. In spite of the gains in membership, Connecticut Baptists have been lacking in deep interest in vital religion. The low state

of religion in the churches has revealed itself in the retrograde movement in the Bible Schools. For if the adult church members were in the school, there could have been no falling off of Bible School enrollment and attendance. The all too popular notion is that the school is for children, needing just enough adults to serve as officers and teachers. Whatever the original aim of the founders of the Sunday-School may have been, to-day, the only true conception of the Bible School is, that it is the whole church at work engaged in the study of the Word for the gaining of a better knowledge of Truth, for the deepening of the spiritual life, and for the evangelization of those who are unsaved. It is just as much the duty of a church member to attend the Bible School as the Communion service, or the prayer meeting. He who seeks to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord, cannot deliberately turn his back on this meeting of the church as though it had no claim on him. And yet this is done by the majority of our church members. Not more than 30 per cent. are in the Bible School. Many prefer to go home to the Sunday paper. Among Christian non-attendants there is little devotional regular use of the Bible. How can we expect deeply spiritual lives where such a state of things exists? The church cannot select a few members to bear all financial obligations, or to sustain a prayer meeting; in finances and in prayer meeting every member is expected to have a share. So it should be in the matter of the school. It is especially inconsistent for a Baptist to neglect the Bible School. Have we not said to the world, "We have no creed but the Scriptures, as interpreted by Jesus Christ?" We believe in a regenerated membership, and spirituality as our distinctive mark. Have we not claimed that the plain man honestly interpreting for himself the New Testament, must come to occupy essentially our position? We point to Judson and Diaz as examples of proof of the incontestability of our ground. Then how absurd it is for a Baptist Church to neglect the Bible School! How absurd for one who claims to stand on the foundation of prophets and apostles to absent himself from the one session of the church where the Bible could be seriously studied! The pulpit is weakened in its message of instruction and persuasion by the weakness of the Bible School. Because members of Baptist Churches do not understand allusions to the best known Biblical incidents and doctrines, their preacher's message loses its point, and the arrow that should have pierced the heart falls, blunted against the impenetrable coat-of-mail of ignorance. The only genuine permanent revival of religion possible must begin by getting the whole church into the Bible School. Even if the Bible School did exist for the sole sake of the children, even then, it could fulfill its mission only as the rank and file of adult church members were in the school. There is scarcely a non-Catholic in the State who has not been, at

some time, a member of a Bible School. There are few non-Catholic convicts in our prisons who were never enrolled as boys in the Bible School. Why do we lose them from the church, and often to crime? It is because the adult influence was not sufficient to keep them in the fold. Since, by non-attendance, church members have said, "The Bible School is only an adjunct of the church, for children," our young men and women who are no longer children, leave. And why should they not? There is a text wofully misunderstood. It reads: "Watch, quit you like men, be strong." These young people do *watch* — the non-attending Christians. They do *quit* — "like men." They *are strong,* they manfully resist all attempts of the few who try to hold them. Friends, improved Bible Schools must come as a result of a revival of genuine religion among the Christians in our churches, which shall make our schools the whole church at study.

The second weakness of the Bible Schools is found in the teaching — the force and the methods. We have not begun to value the strategic value of the Bible Schools. Some of our churches demand good preaching, and pay — not well — but considerable — for it. They must have a fine quartet, and they pay for that. But these same churches that expend four or five thousand dollars for preacher and choir, spend little or nothing on the Bible School. They do not overestimate the former, but undervalue the latter. Verily, these ought ye to have done, and not have left the latter undone. Would not the $1,000 paid for operatic music be better invested if used to pay a trained associate pastor whose chief function should be the development of the teaching force in the church? To be sure, not many churches could do this. Some might. Where that is not possible, the pastor himself must do the work. Our teachers should be converted, first of all. To set a person who has no experience of religion at work teaching a Bible Class is like asking a legless man to dance, or a deaf and dumb man to give singing lessons. The Bible School teacher must be a person of clean life; must be prayerful, fervent in spirit, apt to teach, evangelistic in aim. The teacher should know something of pedagogical methods. And indispensable to the teacher, along with aim and method, is a thorough knowledge of the book which must be made our text in the school — the Bible.

This is the day of research along all lines of knowledge. In no subject has more or better work been done by a larger body of experts than in the field of Biblical lore. The Bible School should mediate between the experts and the people. It is impossible to emphasize too strongly the need of devout trained teachers. This is not to disparage the faithful work now being done. The teachers we have are usually the cream of the intelligence and consecration in the church. We should do more for them, to promote their efficiency. Let it be made clear that to be a Bible School teacher is

more honorable than to be President of the United States. Let the churches seriously undertake, as best they may, to fit men and women for the work. Let us frown down frivolous, incompetent, worldly teachers, and as rapidly as possible throw out the antiquated methods and rubbish still so extensively used, until the Bible shall come to its own in the church.

Your committee would also take this opportunity to heartily endorse the appointment of Rev. A. B. Coates, D.D., as evangelistic worker in the Bible Schools. Let the churches of the State give this wise, sane, experienced man a chance, to come in touch with all the life we seek to redeem for greater usefulness and profounder spirituality than we have enjoyed, through the ministry of the church in the Bible-School.

FREDERICK LENT, *Chairman.*
For the Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. W. I. Southerton spoke of "The Making of a Bible School."

He said there are five factors necessary, — Unity, Variety, Activity, Sociability and Spirituality. If only we can have the machinery, and the spirituality back of it, then the Bible Schools of Connecticut will be real feeders of the church.

An offering was received amounting to $13.91.

"A Question of Christian Patriotism," was the theme of Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.

He told of the rapid incoming of the foreigners, and showed that the Christian people are recognizing that God is putting before us the privilege of foreign mission work at the least expense and under the easiest conditions. Rapidly he sketched the methods now used in winning these foreigners, and held up several motives which should lead to earnest effort in their behalf, — such as, the preservation of our country and our denominational position.

After singing "Grace Enough for Me," Rev. F. G. McKeever, D.D., pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Convention re-assembled at 9:10 A. M. President Thompson was in the chair.

After singing, "Joy to the World," Rev. W. V. Gray led in prayer.

Rev. W. V. Gray, as Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, presented the report which was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Connecticut Baptist Convention:

Your Committee on Temperance presents the following report:

The marvelous growth and the power of the liquor interests in our country are both startling and appalling. It seems as though the nation would be aroused and there would be genuine reform, if only the facts could be brought fully to the attention of the people. Have the Baptists of Connecticut borne their part in facing the great moral questions which affect the welfare of the people? Other religious bodies have had their representatives in our legislative halls to lend their influence and to speak words of encouragement to those seeking the passing of laws which will help the moral condition of the people, why should not the Baptists? The forces of evil are always present to thwart the passing of laws detrimental to their interests, and to encourage the passing of laws that will aid them; why should not the forces which make for righteousness be as wise as the children of darkness?

If your Committee has been rightly informed, the Baptists of this State have not fully discharged their obligation in this particular. The corner stone of our faith — the separation of Church and State — ought not to lead us to ignore those questions presented for legislation which make for the moral uplift or moral detriment of the people. Have the Baptist hosts discharged their obligation in the war against the liquor traffic which gives our country annually 50,000 tramps, 150,000 insane people, 250,000 criminals, and 100,000 drunkards? The cost of liquor is three times more than that of meat, five times more than that of shoes, ten times more than that of the public schools, and fifty times more than that of the preaching of the Gospel.

It costs more than $7,000,000 to care for the inmates of the almshouses in our country and seventy-five per cent. of these are there directly or indirectly through strong drink.

"Our criminals cost us over $60,000,000 annually, and seventy-five per cent. of the crimes committed can be traced to strong drink. It costs over $13,000,000 to care for the insane, and a large percentage of the insanity can be traced directly or indirectly to strong drink."

It seems to your Committee that the Church of Christ must do more than create an atmosphere within four walls; she must grapple with the great moral issues which pertain to the well-being of humanity if she would gain the approval of Christ and gain the respect of mankind.

Think of the annual cost of intoxicants in our country as being $1,450,000,000, while the cost of bread is only $900,000,000. We had in Connecticut, at the end of last year, a record of two thousand three hundred saloons; about one to three hundred and ninety-five of our population. We had in our jails alone for drunkenness, three thousand six hundred and seventy-five out of a total of eight thousand one hundred and seventy. That is about forty to each ten thousand of our population. We license saloons almost without limit. Massachusetts holds them down to one for a thousand people outside of Boston, while there it is one to every five hundred. Massachusetts has, all told, thirty-three convicts to each ten thousand of her population. Maine, with her prohibition laws, has only thirteen.

Our State law declares that the liquor traffic is dangerous business, and therefore should be under the control of suitable persons. And yet some of the County Commissioners in our State grant licenses regardless of existing conditions. A recent editorial in one of the leading daily papers of our State said: "The reckless ease and the easy recklessness with which the Commissioners in some counties grant licenses is little short of scandalous. The economic, social and moral evils that inevitably accrue from such a condition of affairs are many and serious. Defense of such a relation between the census of saloons and the census of the people is impossible. The imposition of a proper restriction on the number of drinking places in a community is emphatically desirable."

A former Governor of this State in a recent convention of his political party spoke of the fact in deprecatory terms, that in his city where he lived there was one licensed saloon to each thirty-five voters. Such a condition is scandalous. But a short time ago a Liquor Association met and passed a vote refusing to keep a new law which affected their business. This open effrontery to law only shows the power which the liquor interests possess. But while all this seems appalling, yet there are forces at work, lessening the liquor power. There are commercial and industrial interests at work which must affect the traffic and become potent factors for reform.

Railway interests, not caring particularly about sentiment or morals, but purely from a business standpoint, are adopting most stringent rules respecting the use of intoxicants by their employees.

For example, the American Railway Association in 1899 adopted the rule, and it still holds, that "the use of intoxicants by employees while on duty is prohibited. Their habitual use, or the frequenting of places where they are sold, is sufficient cause for dismissal."

The rule adopted by the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railway is even more drastic. It reads, "The use of intoxicants, visiting saloons, whether on or off duty, gambling or playing cards in or around stations, or upon trains or cars, or in or upon the property of this company, by employees, is strictly prohibited. The violation of this rule will be sufficient cause for discipline or discharge from the service."

The Governor General of Canada has just issued a proclamation regarding the National Transcontinental railroad line in Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec; a railroad that is to be constructed by the Dominion government as a public work. And this proclamation establishes a belted territory, forty miles wide, twenty miles each side of the railroad line, as Prohibition ground, and no saloon can open within these limits.

There are other forces at work such as the Anti-Saloon League, now organized in thirty-five States and Territories, organized for the purpose of enforcing and the passing of good laws, and the repeal and the prevention of the passing of bad ones.

Then there is our own State Temperance Union, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, both doing good work in fighting the saloon power, and should receive our hearty support. Shall the Christian Church be in the rear of these organizations in fighting the evil of intemperance when she ought to be in the lead? Why build churches to save men, and then license the saloon to destroy them? Why give the right to one man to make another drunk, and then punish that one for getting drunk? Why license one class of men to make paupers and then tax the other class to take care of them? Why license the saloon to teach vice, and tax the people for schools to teach virtue? Why teach the boy to control his passions and then license a place where passions are given free rein? Why preach justice and brotherly love and then license a thing that creates injustice, and robs the home of its natural protector, and takes bread from children? Therefore your Committee makes the following recommendations:

First, That this Convention appoint a Committee of three, consisting of prominent and influential citizens, to take under consideration all bills presented to the legislature which are designed to lessen the saloon power, and give their influence towards their enactment.

Second, That we recommend to the churches the having of one temperance Sunday at least: when the people's attention shall be especially directed to this evil.

Third, That we adopt the resolution passed by our Home Mission Society at its last session. That resolution reads:

"Whereas the liquor traffic is an unmitigated evil and a terrible menace to all our social, civil and religious institutions; and whereas its total suppression would prove a benediction to the Home, the State and the Church of Christ. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we urge our entire constituency, not only to favor, but to use all legitimate means to effect the overthrow of this nefarious business and the destruction of the saloon as a power in the body politic."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. V. Gray, *Chairman.*
For the Committee.

Mr. C. O. Spencer made a verbal report for the Hostorical Committee, and recommended that the Historical Committee be continued, and that they be authorized to secure, if possible, Rev. P. S. Evans, D.D., to prepare a history of the Connecticut Baptist Convention at suitable compensation.

It was so voted.

As Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, Rev. S. G. Hastings presented the report which was accepted and ordered printed in the Annual. Rev. H. M. Wolfe, Jr., led in prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Rev. W. P. Elsdon, born in Halifax, N. S., Sept. 21, 1841, died in Highland, Cal., December 31, 1905. Converted in 1852, he studied for the ministry at Fredericton, N. B., and entered upon his first pastorate in 1868 at Lynn, Mass. His other pastorates were: Brewster, Mass., two years; Hyannis, Mass., seven years; Belvidere, Ill., two years and nine months; Englewood, Ill., five years and six months; Waterbury, Conn., eight years and six months; Wethersfield, Conn., two years. In 1896 his eyesight entirely failed, and after that for a number of years he engaged in evangelistic work, traveling as "The Blind Evangelist." In 1902 he went to Southern Cali-

fornia, hoping to find relief from a long-standing and troublesome disease in the more even climate of that region. Here, though in exile and expecting no employment, the Lord opened many doors for him; so that, in the one hundred and fifty-nine weeks of his life in California, he preached one hundred and seventy-three sermons. His last full day's work was on October 29th, with the First Baptist church of Los Angeles. Soon after this his disease began its final onset; and with a number of intervals of quiet and rest, he continued until Sunday morning, Dec. 31st, when, as the church bells of his neighborhood were calling to service, he heard the Master's call and went home. He was a man of good abilities, fearless, earnest, forceful in the pulpit; out of it manly, sympathetic, charitable, tender, winning. He was held in very high esteem in Connecticut.

Jabez Amesbury was born in Newton, Mass., October 13, 1825, and died in Danbury, Conn., Jan. 2, 1906. He began his business life with a dry goods firm in Norwich, Conn., but soon afterwards entered the service of the Quinnebaug Bank of that city. In 1855 he became cashier of the Danbury National Bank, continuing in this position for fifty years, or until the time of his death. Though diligent in business, he found time for many activities in political, religious, educational and social affairs. During his entire life in Danbury he was one of the leading and most influential members of the Second Baptist church, and for twenty-five years continuously held the position of Superintendent of its Sunday-school. He was the senior deacon of his church. He was active in the work of the State Convention, and had held the office of vice-president of the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut since its organization.

William Rainey Harper, D.D., LL.D., of world-wide fame as a scholar and educator, is remembered by Connecticut Baptists, and especially by those of New Haven, where, while professor in Yale College, he served as an official of Calvary Baptist church. He was born in New Concord, Ohio, July 26, 1856, and died in Chicago, January 10, 1906. It was his ambition to make the University of Chicago, of which he was President, the greatest in the world, and it is thought, that when the plans which he formed in collaboration with Mr. John D. Rockefeller have been carried out, this result will have been achieved.

Martin H. Smith was born in Suffield, Conn., August 5, 1833, and died at his home in the same town on the 31st of January, 1906. He studied at the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield and graduated from Williams College in 1857 during the presidency of Dr. Mark Hopkins. For twenty years he was at the head of the Maysville Institute, Maysville, Kentucky; after which, returning to Suffield, he was Principal of our denominational school there for eight years (1880-1888). He then spent a year in travel abroad, from

which he returned to Suffield for the remainder of his life. He received the degree of Ph.D., from a Kentucky College, was alumni visitor of Williams College, and held the office of Judge of Probate for the Suffield district until he reached the age limit. For twelve years he was Treasurer of the Suffield Savings Bank. He was of a genial, kindly disposition and had marked literary abilities. For more than twenty years he served as Clerk of the Second Baptist Church of Suffield, and was held in honor for faithfulness and efficiency. While principal of our school in Suffield he endeared himself to many students for the Baptist ministry.

Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D., born in Savannah, Ga., March 14, 1814, died in New York City, April 5, 1906. He began study for the ministry at Furman University in 1832, but graduated from Colgate University in 1840. After his ordination at Savannah he served for three years as colleague of the famous Dr. Richard Fuller at Beaufort, S. C. In January, 1844, he became pastor of the Tabernacle Church, New York City, where, for twenty-two years, he had one of the conspicuously useful pastorates in the history of our denomination in New York. This service was terminated only because of impaired health. After several months respite he accepted a call to Stamford, Conn., where he filled twenty years more with distinguished service. He then retired from the active ministry. Dr. Lathrop was widely known, not only as an admirable preacher and pastor, but also on account of his interest in the educational and missionary work of the denomination. He was a constituent trustee of Vassar College, and also served many years as a trustee of Colgate University and of the Connecticut Literary Institution. His degree of D.D. was conferred by the University of Rochester. He was a man of noble presence, and, as a preacher and counselor, took rank among the foremost of Baptists.

James Leland Howard was a native of Vermont, born January 19th, 1818. His death took place in Hartford on the morning of May 1st, 1906. A full list of the positions of trust and honor which he filled during his long and busy life would occupy more space than is usually given to the record of any one person in this Annual; any adequate sketch of the man he was and the good he did would fill a volume. He was for more than half a century, an important man in the business and civic life of Hartford. As councilman, alderman, park commissioner, lieutenant governor, organizer of insurance companies, director in various corporations, he was active and efficient. His election to the position of trustee of Brown University, as also of Shaw University, Spelman Seminary, Newton Theological Seminary, is proof of the wide esteem in which he was held. He filled many positions of importance among the Baptists of Connecticut, and some of national reach in our denomination. He was the first President of

the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut, served for a time as chairman of the board of trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, and was President of the Connecticut Baptist Convention for six years. For three years (1881-1884) he was President of the American Baptist Publication Society; and also for three years (1890-1893) President of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. He was one of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union. In 1841 he joined the First Baptist Church of Hartford. In 1857 he was chosen a deacon of this church. His service in the church was long, large, loving. Alert in mind, sagacious, courteous, of a forgiving spirit, possessed of an unfailing and sweet sense of humor, reliable, tactful, hopeful — no Christian virtue seemed to be lacking in him, and those who knew him will long feel the uplift of his personality.

JOHN L. DENISON was born in Stonington, Conn., September 19, 1826, and died at his home in Hartford on Monday, July 2, 1906. He studied at the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield and was always a faithful supporter of this school. He settled in Norwich, Conn., in 1855, where he had a long and honorable business career. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Central Baptist Church of Norwich for many years. His degree of M.A. was conferred by Brown University in 1855. Removing to Hartford in 1878, he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company. Here, on account of his fidelity, constancy, and excellent judgment, he commanded the esteem of all in the Home Department, as well as that of others outside of it with whom he came in contact. He was for many years an honored deacon of the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church. Interested in all that pertained to the past history and present prospects of the Baptist cause in Connecticut; sincere and friendly as a child in his attitude toward all about him; constant in his attendance upon the meetings of the Association and State Convention, he came to be widely known and loved.

S. G. HASTINGS, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

Rev. C. K. Flanders presented the Report of the Committee on New Churches.

Your committee has received the application of two new churches, viz:—The East End Baptist Church of Bridgeport and the Montauk Avenue Baptist Church of New London. These, having been received into the fellowship of their respective Associations, we commend for favorable action.

CLIFTON K. FLANDERS. *Chairman*
For the Committee.

It was voted that they be received, after which President Thompson gave the right hand of fellowship to the representative present.

Hon. Carnot O. Spencer presented the invitation of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to send two or more delegates as messengers to its seventy-fifth anniversary in May, 1907, whereupon it was

Voted, That the President and Secretary of this Convention be appointed as such messengers, and that the Convention pay their expenses.

Voted, That the President be empowered to appoint ten delegates to represent this Convention at the General Baptist Convention to be held in May, 1907.

The Committee on Nomination of Trustees, presented the following report:

To fill vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. L. Howard, Hon. C. O. Spencer.

To fill vacancy caused by election of Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D., to the Presidency, Ezra H. Stevens.

To Serve for Three Years:—W. A. Grippin, Charles L. Spencer, H. A. Hull, A. J. Shipley, Elias F. Wilcox, H. H. Dickinson, Rev. P. C. Wright, Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Rev. Henry Clark, Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Rev. Frederick Lent, Geo. E. Stiles, W. J. Trevithick.

FRANKLIN G. McKEEVER, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to cast the ballot for these Trustees. Upon his doing so they were declared elected.

Rev. A. B. Todd led in the closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

President Thompson called the Convention to order at 2:35. After singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Rev. L. B. Curtis led in prayer.

The President appointed as Committee on Temperance Legislation, Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, Hon. Lucius Brown, S. O. Preston.

As Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, Rev. R. A. Ashworth, presented the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, this Convention, at its meeting two years ago, adopted Resolutions expressing its abhorence for the unprecedented abuse of the natives of the Congo Free State, and

Whereas, since the Convention took this action, the publication of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry, appointed under pressure of King Leopold, has left no room for honest doubt as to the true nature of conditions in the Congo, and

Whereas, a conference of fifty-two missionaries, representing six different countries, held January 11th, 1906, unanimously declared that these cruelties continue unabated and that millions of defenceless people seem doomed to annihilation, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That this Convention reiterate its conviction expressed two years ago, and that it urge upon our Government to take all possible steps, whether by remonstrance, by diplomatic correspondence, or otherwise, to end conditions which are a reproach to the twentieth century, and repugnant alike to religion, justice, and humanity.

Resolved, That, as representatives of the Baptist Churches of Connecticut, we express our confidence that the teachings of Jesus are sufficient for the solution of the social problems of the day;

Resolved, That the principles of love, sacrifice, and service, as exemplified in Jesus Christ, are the principles by which society shall be perfected in all that makes for peace, prosperity and justice among men;

Resolved, That we seek to influence public opinion and to stimulate the popular conscience in the spirit of the teachings of Jesus, to the end that righteous laws be enforced and that just legislation be enacted.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to those who made possible, by their generous gifts, the securing of a Singing Evangelist, and, that we urge upon the Churches, that they remember in earnest prayer our evangelistic workers and co-operate with them in every possible way.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for the courtesy in granting reduced rates; also that we heartily thank the South Norwalk Baptist Church, and all connected therewith, whose plans, service, and generous hospitality have contributed so largely toward the success of the Convention meetings; that we also express our gratitude to the members of the Rowayton Baptist Church, and also to the members of the other Churches of South Norwalk for the kindness and hospitality of their homes; and that we are especially grateful to the Congregational Church of South Norwalk for the use of their vestry and other facilities for the serving of the meals, and holding devotional and other meetings.

R. A. Ashworth, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

Voted, That the resolutions be adopted as a whole.

Rev. Frederick Lent reported for the Committee on Place and Preacher.

While we have a place in view, yet it is not fully decided.
For Preacher, Rev. J. A. Elder; alternate, Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D.

Voted, That we accept the report of the Committee and refer the choice of a place to the Officers of the Convention.

Rev. W. A. Spinney spoke earnestly in behalf of the suffering Churches in California.

President Thompson announced the following Committees to report next year:

On Nomination of Trustees — Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., Rev. P. C. Wright, Rev. Welcome E. Bates, Rev. O. R. O. Farel, B. I. Knapp.

On Obituaries — Rev. S. G. Hastings, Rev. T. G. Denchfield, Rev. J. G. Ward, Rev. J. H. Messenger, Rev. E. Dewhurst, Rev. D. J. Neily.

On Bible Schools — Rev. H. B. Carpenter, E. M. Wightman, L. B. Arnold, Wm. Dixon, Charles Greene, D. W. Bosworth.

On Temperance — Rev. H. E. Wise, Rev. Charles W. Wolfe, Rev. E. W. Potter, Rev. Charles G. Smith, Rev. N. E. Valerius, Rev. A. C. Powell, D.D.

On State of Churches — Rev. O. Haywood, D. D., Rev. F. D. Elmer, Rev. E. E. Loux, Dea. Robert Palmer, Rev. C. M. Reed, Rev. J. W. Higgins.

On Home and Foreign Missions — Rev. R. C. Hull, W. C. Twiss, Rev. F. C. Brown, Rev. H. B. Hutchins, Rev. F. D. Luddington, Rev. A. B. Todd.

On Evangelistic Work — Rev. W. A. Spinney, Rev. A. B. Coats, D.D., Rev. C. L. Snow, Rev. N. B. Prindle, Rev. C. I. Ramsey, Rev. W. N. Morton.

On New Churches — Rev. Robert Larson, Rev. W. A. House, Rev. Robert Duncan, J. G. Robinson, W. A. Fraser, Rev. William Gussman.

Historical Committee — Hon. Carnot O. Spencer, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. J. G. Ward, Rev. J. P. Brown, Julius Twiss, A. J. Shipley.

Committee on Christian Stewardship — Rev. W. A. Spinney, Rev. A. E. Harris, Rev. P. C. Wright.

Rev. A. E. Harris presented the report of the Committee on Enrollment, that thus far 271 delegates have registered, but it is probable that the number present is above 300.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Chairman of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Beloved: We are living in a grand and glorious age. Surely it is the Gospel age. All our own world, men and women, are bearing the good news of salvation and life. The people are hearing and receiving the truth as never before.

The great revivals of the day are inspiring the hearts of God's Saints, and hallelujahs are ascending the skies, from India, Africa,

China, and the Islands of the seas. The last year has been a record breaker on the mission fields, never have so many accepted Christ and His salvation in the same length of time. Twenty-two thousand five hundred and eighty-six baptisms in the foreign field under the care of the Missionary Union, and more than 10,000 in the home fields under the care of the Home Mission Society. Never so many missionaries, pastors, evangelists and native helpers, 1,552 in the Home field and 6,175 in the Foreign field.

It does look as though the hour of Our Lord's triumphant appearance was not far distant.

Rev. Dr. A. T. Pierson, editor of the Missionary Review of the World, a little while ago, made the statement that the large Missionary Societies of the world expended last year $15,000,000, and that one seventh of all the membership under the care of these societies is under the care of the Missionary Union, and one sixth of all the baptisms last year were under its auspices, expending about $600,000 out of the $15,000,000, which is about 4 per cent. of the money expended and 14 per cent. of results.

It is gratifying in examining the tables of statistics in the different Associations of our State, to find that every one has increased in the Home field and all but one in the Foreign field, though it is only a little in each case. The total increase for Home Missions $1,157.58, Foreign Missions $759.56.

There is yet great room for improvement. We find, that last year, out of 149 churches in the state, only 111 contributed anything for Home Missions, and 116 for Foreign Missions; that is, 38 churches contributed nothing for Home Missions, and 33 churches contributed nothing for Foreign Missions. This is not as it should be. The lack of money is the great barrier in the way of the world's speedy conversion to Christ.

Hear the word, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me."

Your committee would most heartily commend the laudable work being done by our Woman's Societies, also.

Some means should be adopted by which your Missionary Committees could be brought into closer touch with all the Churches in their Associations, that they might encourage and incite to larger gifts for these objects.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NICHOLSON, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

An offering was received amounting to $11.31.

As Chairman of the Committee on Christian Stewardship, Rev. W. A. Spinney presented the report which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

Your Committee have the honor of presenting the initial report on Christian Stewardship before the constituency of our Connecticut Baptist Convention. It is far from our thought to state that the principle of Christian Stewardship is neither recognized nor practiced among our Baptist folk in this Commonwealth; but our earnest desire is that the recognition and observation of this sacred duty may receive more careful, prayerful and general consideration among the larger number, yea, among all Baptists.

Your Committee have been busy, here and there, with the pen and words of urgency, seeking to get in the entering wedge of divine ownership throughout the State during the year. The pastoral response to the subject has been sympathetic and generous. We have secured a hearing for the subject on the platform of all our Associational gatherings with a single exception. In this exceptional case we are informed that the Christian Stewardship idea was emphasized throughout the entire sessions of the Association. The fruitage of the work done has been, in some cases, most gratifying. One pastor writes, a few days after his Association had closed, "To me the address on Christian Stewardship was the best thing on the program. I referred to the subject at our next prayer meeting, preached on Christian Stewardship on the following Sunday with good results. Now while the iron is hot we desire another address to our people on the same subject. Will you come to us and deliver an address on the same theme?"

In some cases we have urgent calls for Christian Stewardship literature. Accordingly we have the presence of our national Superintendent of Christian Stewardship, Rev. C. A. Cook, with a splendid exhibit of said literature which you will find in the lecture room.

The impression of your Committee is that Christian people are coming to recognize the simple, divine principle of Christian Stewardship, and are open to the Scriptural teaching on the subject. Divine ownership in man has not been fairly regarded nor duly recognized. But Christian people are seeking new opportunities for the investment of their hard and successfully earned gains—for investments which will yield some 30, some 60 and some 100 fold for the kingdom of God. At this point the Christian pastor and teacher finds his oppor-

tunity for instruction in faithful Christian Stewardship and in the rare opportunities for investments of the Lord's money. Just here the pastor has a superb opportunity for instruction and inspiration through the teaching of the Scriptures on this point. God's Word is a globe. It is a hemisphere of truth. This same word is foursquare like the city of the New Jerusalem let down from heaven. It has length, breadth, height, depth. God's word is symetrical. To neglect one vital part of this truth is to preach an unsymetrical Gospel. Divine ownership, Christian stewardship, the natural child of divine ownership is a vital part of the structural truth of the Word of God. The Christian pastor must give heed, careful attention to this great truth as a faithful steward of the manifold grace of God.

Christian Stewardship is fundamental in the building of strong, well proportioned Christian character which will manifest itself in a sympathetic, intelligent, generous hand in the distribution, and investment of the Lord's money which He has intrusted to His people. It is fundamental for the best and largest interests of the local Church. State work, home mission and foreign interests of the Kingdom are involved in it. For, as this sacred principle comes into more general practice and operation, so will all the interests of Christ's Church be more generously and more splendidly cared for in her extended interests.

Our urgency of the practice of this Bible truth is based on the plain teaching of the Word of God which sets forth God's claims of vested rights of creation and redemption in man and the property which he has accumulated and holds only in name and not by right of absolute ownership. The hand with which we earn, the hand with which we sign our contracts and our bonds belong to Jesus Christ. For the five fingers on our right hand spell out the name of Jesus. Our God takes peculiar pleasure in the fidelity of His stewards to whom he has intrusted the ability to earn and accumulate wealth. And there comes a corresponding satisfaction to the individual in the faithful practice and close observation of this Christian Stewardship idea. For those who, in fact, are observing this law, are reaping for themselves the greatest of satisfaction in the right discharge of duty required at their hands by the Lord of all the earth.

The Churches which are practicing this principle, in any considerable degree, are the strong, aggressive forces for the kingdom. The failure to practice this divine law results in a partial paralysis of spiritual force and activity. Hence we have withered hands hanging helplessly at our sides. Pastors, deacons, prudential committees in our local Churches should make a careful study of this truth and make its practice a practical and vital one in thought and deed. Then

shall we rightly meet the claims of our God as his faithful stewards — stewards of his entrusted goods, stewards of the manifold grace of God.

W. A. SPINNEY, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

Rev. C. A. Cook, General Secretary of the National Commission on Christian Stewardship, spoke briefly.

Rev. P. C. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches, presented the report after which it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Only God knows well the condition of the Churches in Connecticut. His all seeing eye observes accurately as no human can. Your Committee can only gather impressions made by listening to addresses of pastors and laymen upon various occasions; by special correspondence with pastors living in different parts of the State; by listening to Church letters read at Associational gathering; and by studying statistical tables which represent but poorly actual conditions.

As nearly as can be determined the Churches of the Ashford Association have had a more fruitful year than they had the year previous. The number of baptisms is double that of the former year. Also the increase by letter has been greater. The net gain is not apparently as large as it should have been because of the unusually large loss this year through death, dismissions by letter and erasure. We all rejoice that two Churches in this Association hitherto considered almost hopeless have very greatly prospered. We refer to those at Eastford and East Killingly.

The condition in the Churches of the Fairfield Association, judging from the net numerical gain, would appear to be as good as that of Churches in any other Association. But only three Churches in their number experienced a marked degree of interest, viz.: South Norwalk, First Stamford, and First Bridgeport. Six or seven other Churches about held their own. Two appeared in bad condition. An able pastor of our State expressed his view of conditions in that Association as follows: "There is a dearth of interest among the Churches as a whole. The need of the Churches is humility before God, and a concerted effort of all the Churches on evangelistic lines."

It is the impression of your Committee that the Churches of the Hartford Association have experienced the best year of any in the State, taking them as a whole. In two other Associations a larger proportion of Churches shared in baptisms, yet on the whole there appears to be a widespread interest in pushing the work of the kingdom. They have had the most fruitful year of any Association in proportion to their total membership. The Churches of the New Haven Association share more generally the baptisms than any other Association in the State. There seems to be here an increasing desire and determination on the part of the pastors to do effective work along the lines of evangelism.

The year has been a trying one, both in the New London and Stonington Associations. In each Association more than half the Churches had no baptisms and there is a net decrease in the total membership of each. A pastor in one of the Associations says: "The Churches are too conservative and most of the members have not faith in the power of the Gospel to win the people who are coming in from other lands to take the places of Americans." However, it should be said for the New London Association, that last year its Churches quite generally experienced a year of marked religious interest. It is not infrequent that the year following such an interest is consumed in nurturing those won rather than winning others. This apparently explains somewhat the condition of the Churches in that locality.

The following table furnished your Committee by the State Secretary will be interesting at this point:

Associations	Churches Reporting No Baptisms	Churches Reporting Baptisms	No. of Baptisms	Net Gain	Net Loss	Present Membership
Ashford,	4	12	80	21		1,879
Fairfield,	10	16	213	195		3,896
Hartford,	10	20	271	267		5,503
New Haven,	8	29	391	136		8,430
New London,	14	10	58		11	4,093
Stonington Union,	10	8	93		43	3,308
Totals,	56	95	1,106	565		27,109

One Church reports for two years, in which report over 60 baptisms really belonged to last year.

We also wish to call attention to the proportion of money given by the Churches for benevolent objects as compared with that expended at home. This year our Churches expended at home $234,431. Their total benevolences amounted to $48,666. About four and a half times as much is spent at home as we contribute to the spread of the Kingdom elsewhere. Is the proportion a good one?

However, in spite of all we have thus far said, it should be recognized that perhaps there is a fire burning in the life of our Churches which, as yet, has not appeared outwardly. On the surface we may not see all we would wish to see. The same was true in Nellore, India, for two years previous to the breaking out of their present awakening, and yet, during that two years, prayers were regularly ascending to the throne of an able God. The condition which did not appear in statistical tables was destined to be the means of showers of blessings. We trust the same condition exists among the Baptists of Connecticut. If they are praying, not merely saying prayers, we may well possess our souls in peace and bide the time of the Almighty.

Your Committee would urgently recommend that the family altars, so fruitful of good in years of the past, be maintained, re-established, or established in every home as the case may require. Family religion is essential to a vigorous Church religion. That pastor and that Church activity which is rooted in the many family altars must eventually win the victory. Our battles are to be won on our knees.

P. C. WRIGHT, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

Voted, That the Minutes be accepted without reading to the Convention.

Voted, That the Committee on Christian Stewardship be made a Standing Committee, and that they be appointed by the President.

President Thompson re-appointed the Committee of last year, Rev. W. A. Spinney, Rev. A. E. Harris, Rev. P. C. Wright.

Rev. D. D. Munro, the new pastor of Calvary Church, New Haven, very tenderly presented the highest ideals such as those that moved Paul in his work, and plead with the people to enter into the imprisonment of Christ's love that He may use all for His own glory.

This was followed by a season of earnest prayer and dedication to God, in which a goodly number took part.

Rev. F. H. Divine led in prayer and pronounced the benediction, and thus closed a Convention in which the Spirit of Christ has been constantly manifested.

NOTE.—Notable features of the Anniversaries this year were two Devotional meetings held in the vestry of the South Norwalk Congregational Church at 1:30 to 2:30 P. M., Tuesday and Wednesday, for all Convention workers, members of the Board, and interested friends. Also Street meetings at 7:30 P. M. each evening, and Factory meetings were conducted by a Special Committee, with conspicuous success.

H. M. THOMPSON,

President.

F. H. DIVINE,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report, ... $338 50

Ashford Association.

Andover,	$5 00	Thompson, Central,	$22 50	
Brooklyn,	21 25	East,	....	
Danielson,	20 00	Warrenville,	13 00	
Eastford,	21 00	Westford,	10 00	
Killingly, East,	1 31	Willimantic,	53 40	
Mansfield,	10 05	Willington,	30 00	
Putnam,	24 02	Woodstock, South,	10 00	
Stafford,	5 00	West,	50	
				$247 03

Fairfield Association.

Banksville,	$5 00	Norwalk, First,	$10 00	
Bridgeport, E. End	5 00	Norwalk, Grace,	....	
First,	250 00	Rowayton,	20 00	
German,	15 00	South Norwalk,	244 94	
Immanuel,	....	Stamford, First,	110 53	
Messiah,	20 00	Italian,	37 25	
Second,	18 91	Union,	1 50	
Swede,	10 00	Stepney,	13 80	
Danbury, New Hope,	....	Stratfield,	5 10	
Second,	50 00	Stratford, First,	....	
Easton,	....	Pilgrim,	....	
Greenwich,	5 00	White Hills,	5 00	
New Milford,	35 00			$862 03

Hartford Association.

Bantam,	....	Hartford, Union,	$5 00	
Bloomfield,	$20 00	New Britain, First,	86 76	
Bristol,	85 00	German,	22 05	
Canton,	15 00	Swede,	9 43	
Colebrook, North,	3 25	Plainville,	5 00	
South,	2 00	Rockville,	12 10	

Cornwall, East,	15 00	South Windsor,	5 00		
Hollow,	5 00	Suffield, First,	7 00		
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	196 76	Second,	158 11		
First,	350 00	Third,	5 00		
Memorial,	31 00	Tariffville,	16 00		
Olivet,	17 16	Torrington, Calvary,	60 00		
Shiloh,	12 00	West Hartford,	10 00		
South,	111 50	Wethersfield,	5 00		
Swede,	20 00	Winsted,	6 40		
					$1,296 52

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First,	$121 24	N. Haven, Calvary,	$100 00		
Macedonia,	2 00	First,	261 79		
Branford,	5 00	German,	10 00		
Cheshire,	2 50	Grand Ave.,	....		
Chester,	10 30	Howard Ave.,	20 00		
Clinton,	10 50	Immanuel,	6 00		
Cromwell,	17 68	Olivet,	18 53		
Deep River,	101 23	Swede,	10 00		
Essex,	....	Plantsville,	12 50		
Haddam,	....	Shelton,	13 00		
Meriden, First,	146 43	Southington,	24 69		
German,	5 00	Wallingford,	109 02		
Main St.,	72 75	Waterbury, First,	69 18		
Swede,	9 43	Grace,	5 00		
Middletown,	100 00	Second	5 00		
Milford,	1 08	Swede,	19 00		
Montowese,	8 70	Yalesville,	18 45		
Naugatuck,	8 50				$1,324 50

New London Association.

Bozrah,	$10 60	New London First,	$61 44		
Chesterfield,	....	Huntington St.,	11 00		
Colchester,	....	Montauk Ave.,	5 00		
Fitchville,	5 00	Shiloh,	1 00		
Haddam, East,	....	Niantic,	7 38		
Lake's Pond,	7 00	Norwich, Central,	75 00		
Lebanon,	5 00	First,	20 00		
Lyme, East,	15 00	Mt. Calvary,	5 00		
North,	5 00	Third,	....		
Old,	2 00	Salem,	....		

Montville,	13 50	Scott Hill,	....	
Waterford, First,	7 00	Waterford, Second,	18 00	
				$273 92

Stonington Union Association.

Groton, First,	....	N. Stonington, First,	15 00	
Heights,	40 00	Second,	3 00	
Jewett City,	102 39	Third,	10 00	
Laurel Glen,	....	Poquonnock Bridge,	6 00	
Ledyard,	7 55	Preston City,	27 75	
Mystic Union,	105 52	Sterling,	5 00	
Noank,	105 50	Stonington, First,	78 10	
Packerville,	....	Third,	3 00	
Plainfield Union,	31 00	Voluntown,	3 00	
				$542 81

Total from Churches, ... $4,546 81

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

For the Maintenance of a "State Evangelist."

Ashford Association.

Andover,	$2 00	Thompson, East,	$1 00	
Brooklyn,	10 00	Warrenville,	....	
Danielson,	....	Westford,	3 00	
Eastford,	....	Willimantic,	10 00	
Mansfield,	5 00	Willington, Hill,	3 00	
Putnam,	10 00	South,	5 00	
Stafford,	5 00	Woodstock, South,	....	
Thompson, Central,	7 00	West,	2 00	
				$63 00

Fairfield Association.

Banksville,	$3 00	New Milford,	$5 00	
Bridgeport, First,	25 00	Norwalk, First,	....	
N. W. Chapel,	....	Grace,	....	
German,	5 00	Rowayton,	5 00	
Immanuel,	3 00	South Norwalk,	....	
Messiah,	5 00	Stamford, First,	10 00	
Second,	....	Italian,	4 00	

Swede,	....	Union,	....	
Danbury, New Hope,	....	Stepney,	....	
Second,	....	Stratfield,	....	
Easton,	....	White Hills,	3 00	
Greenwich,	....			$68 00

Hartford Association.

Bantam,	....	Swedish,	....	
Bloomfield,	$7 00	Suffield St.,	5 00	
Bristol,	15 00	New Britain, First,	....	
Canton,	5 00	German,	....	
Colebrook, North,	2 00	Swede,	3 00	
South,	....	Plainville,	....	
Cornwall, East,	2 00	Rockville,	....	
Hollow,	....	South Windsor,	5 00	
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	....	Suffield, Second,	15 00	
First,	25 00	Tariffville,	3 00	
Memorial,	....	Torrington,	7 00	
Olivet,	5 00	West Hartford,	....	
Shiloh,	3 00	Wethersfield,	3 00	
South,	20 00	Winsted,	7 00	
				$132 00

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First,	$15 00	Naugatuck,	....	
Primary Dept.,	11 00	N. Haven, Calvary,	....	
Macedonia,	....	First,	25 00	
Branford,	3 00	German,	....	
Cheshire,	1 00	Grand Ave.,	....	
Chester,	7 00	Howard Ave.,	....	
Clinton,	....	Immanuel,	3 00	
Cromwell,	2 57	Olivet,	5 00	
Deep River,	10 00	Swedish,	....	
Essex,	....	Plantsville,	5 00	
Meriden, First,	25 00	Saybrook,	2 00	
Olive Branch,	5 00	Shelton,	5 00	
Park Ave.,	5 00	Southington,	7 00	
German,	3 00	Wallingford,	35 85	
Main St.,	7 00	Waterbury, First,	25 00	
Swede,	....	Grace,	....	
Middletown,	20 00	Second,	....	
Milford	....	Swede,	3 00	
Montowese,	5 00	Yalesville,	....	
				$235 42

New London Association.

Bozrah,	5 00	Huntington St.,	5 00	
Colchester,	10 00	Shiloh,	1 00	
Fitchville,	5 00	Niantic,	5 00	
Lebanon,	5 00	Norwich, Central,	25 00	
Lyme, East,	5 00	First,	12 00	
North,	....	Mt. Calvary,	2 50	
Old,	....	Third,	....	
Montville,	....	Waterford, First,	7 00	
New London, First,	20 00	Second,	....	
				$112 50

Stonington Union Association.

Groton, First,	$5 00	Packerville,	$5 00	
Heights,	5 57	Plainfield Union,	7 00	
Jewett City,	7 00	Poquonnock Bridge,	....	
Laurel Glen,	....	Preston City,	5 00	
Ledyard,	....	Sterling,	3 00	
Mystic,	15 00	Stonington, First,	15 00	
Noank,	115 00	Third,	....	
Pendleton Hill,	3 00	Voluntown,	3 00	
N. Stonington,	5 00			$193 57
Total from Bible Schools,				$804 49

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

For the support of the Colportage Wagon work and a Missionary among the Swedes.

Ashford Association.

Andover,	$1 00	Stafford,	$5 00	
Brooklyn,	3 00	Thompson,	10 00	
Danielson,	5 00	Willimantic,	7 00	
Eastford,	7 00	Willington, Hill,	3 00	
Mansfield,	3 00	South,	5 00	
Putnam,	7 00			$56 00

Fairfield Association.

Banksville,	$2 00	Danbury, Second,	....	
Bridgeport, First,	12 00	New Milford,	5 00	

German,	2 00	Norwalk, Grace,	....	
Immanuel,	5 00	First,	10 00	
Messiah,	....	Rowayton,	....	
Second,	....	South Norwalk,	10 00	
Swede,	5 00	Stamford, First,	....	
Danbury, New Hope,	....			$51 00

Hartford Association.

Bristol,	$10 00	Suffield St.,	5 00	
Canton,	2 00	Union,	2 00	
Cornwall, East,	3 00	New Britain, First,	5 00	
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	10 00	German,	....	
First,	15 00	Swede,	5 00	
Memorial,	....	Plainville,	....	
Olivet,	....	Rockville,	20 00	
Shiloh,	1 54	Suffield, Second,	....	
South,	12 00	Torrington,	5 00	
Swedish,	3 00	West Hartford,	....	
		Winsted,	....	
				$98 54

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First,	$15 00	N. Haven, German,	....	
First, Junior,	10 00	Grand Ave.,	....	
Branford,	....	Howard Ave.,	....	
Chester,	....	Immanuel,	3 00	
Cromwell,	....	Olivet,	....	
Deep River,	10 00	Swede,	3 00	
Essex,	....	Plantsville,	....	
Meriden, First,	15 00	Shelton,	3 00	
German,	3 00	Wallingford,	10 00	
Main St.,	5 00	Waterbury, First,	45 00	
Swede,	2 00	Grace,	....	
Middletown,	10 00	Second,	....	
Milford,	....	Swede,	3 00	
N. Haven, Calvary,	....	Yalesville,	4 00	
First,	....			$141 00

New London Association.

Colchester,	$2 00	Niantic,	$5 00	
Lebanon,	....	Norwich, Central,	10 00	
Lyme, North,	2 00	First,	5 00	

Montville,	5 00	Mt. Calvary,	2 00	
N. London, First,	15 00	Third,	5 00	
Huntington St.,	....	Waterford, First,	....	
Shiloh,	....	Second,	....	
				$51 00

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Heights,	$5 00	Plainfield Union,	....	
Jewett City,	7 00	Poquonnock Bridge,	5 00	
Mystic,	12 00	Preston City,	5 00	
Noank,	10 00	Stonington, First,	....	
Pendleton Hill,	5 00	Voluntown,	2 25	
No. Stonington,	3 00			$54 25
From various Young People's Societies for '05,				$22 00
Total from Young People,				$473 79

Missions.

Banksville, Italian,		$2 25	
South Norwalk, Italian,		5 50	
New Haven, Italian,		12 50	
Hartford, Italian,		10 00	
Waterbury, Italian,		11 25	
Bristol, Italian,		....	
Torrington, Italian,		....	
New London, Italian,		3 00	
Bristol, Swede,		3 20	
Putnam, French,		6 00	
			$53 70

From Miscellaneous Societies.

Waterbury, First, Missionary and Social Union,	$25 00	
Bozrah Woman's Circle,	5 00	
Hartford, Memorial, Woman's Miss. Society,	5 00	
King's Daughters, South Church, Hartford,	5 00	
Farther Lights, Montville,	1 50	
Zion's Travelers, Mt. Calvary, Norwich,	2 00	
		$43 50

For Evangelistic and Other Services.

From Rev. A. F. Baker, State Evangelist:

Montowese,	$11 25	Groton, First,	$50 00	
New Milford,	50 00	Canton,	26 65	
Norwich, Third,	29 50	Eastford,	30 00	
Rockville,	41 52	Stamford, First,	80 00	
Danbury,	121 25	Fitchville,	50 00	
Westford,	27 15	Pulpit supplies,	33 33	
				$550 75

From Warren O. Barnes, Colporteur:

Lantern Hill,	$2 92	Laurel Glen,	$1 00	
N. Stonington, First,	3 00	Poquonnock Bridge,	2 00	
Saybrook,	2 42	Rev. J. H. Messenger,	5 00	
East Killingly,	23 50	North Lyme,	4 50	
Stafford,	7 50	Thompson, Central,	6 00	
So. Colebrook,	57	Bantam,	5 00	
				$63 41

From Rev. A. B. Coats, State Evangelist.

Willington,	$24 35	
		$24 35

From Rev. C. K. Flanders, Singing Evangelist:

East Killingly,	$15 43	
Second Waterbury,	10 00	
		$25 43

From Rev. F. H. Divine, Secretary:

Ansonia, First,	$145 00	Stonington, First,	$75 00	
Groton Heights,	13 00	Torrington, Calvary,	10 00	
Preston City,	84 50	Meriden, German,	30 00	
Wallingford,	35 71	Sterling,	25 00	
Rev. M. Stadtfeld,	5 00	Rev. J. H. Messenger,	10 00	
Waterbury, Second,	10 00	Middletown,	44 00	
Deep River,	5 00			$492 21

Individuals to General Fund.

Member of Central Norwich,	$100 00	W. N. Weaver,	5 00	
Chas. L. Spencer,	50 00	T. H. Peabody,	5 00	
A Friend,	1 00	Abbie G. Sanderson,	1 00	
				$162 00

Special Contributions for Singing Evangelist.

Miss A. E. Westcott,	$100 00	Thos. Collins, .	5 00	
Mrs. Chas. Jennings,	5 00	Levi W. Meech, .	50 00	
Mrs. Gardner Hall, Jr.,	25 00	Robt. Palmer, .	100 00	
Mrs. M. A. Williams,	25 00	S. J. Hall, . .	25 00	
				$335 00

Special Gifts to Chapel Fund.

Jas. Newcomb, ...	$100 00	
W. H. Douglass, ...	100 00	
Jas. L. Howard, ...	200 00	
		$400 00

Special Subscriptions.

C. P. Piddock, .	15 00	E. G. Sumner, .	10 00	
Mrs. Chas. Ryon,	2 00	Rev. L. Smith, .	10 00	
Annie E. Miller, .	2 00	F. H. Divine, .	25 00	
A Friend, . .	50 00	C. O. Spencer, .	25 00	
Mrs. A. B. Phillips,	5 00	Julius Twiss, .	20 00	
Wm. Henry, .	5 00	E. V. Preston, .	25 00	
R. H. Broderick, .	35 00	Myrton T. Smith,	25 00	
W. J. Grippen, .	50 00	L. J. Storrs, .	10 00	
W. A. Brothwell,	25 00	R. P. Wilbur, .	25 00	
Mrs. Fannie L. Shailor,	25 00	Geo. S. Wilson, .	10 00	
R. E. Turner, .	20 00	J. Walter Davis, .	25 00	
Gertrude H. Roath,	25 00	H. C. Cook Co., .	50 00	
Geo. M. Morse, .	100 00	Mrs. H. C. Cook,	5 00	
H. C. Cook, .	10 00	T. J. Bristol, .	10 00	
A. H. Condell, .	20 00	E. S. Fairchild, .	10 00	
W. A. Grippen, .	200 00	May Wentworth, .	1 00	
Edith M. Howard,	100 00	J. E. Klingberg, .	2 00	
W. C. Allen, .	5 00	P. S. Evans, .	5 00	
Arthur Boardman,	25 00	Mrs. S. O. Preston,	5 00	
E. F. Wilcox, .	50 00	A. O. Lawrence, .	5 00	
Mrs. C. S. Jewett,	5 00	Miss I. E. Youngs,	5 00	
W. C. C. Hill, .	5 00	L. C. Glazier, .	5 00	
W. J. Trevithick, .	5 00			$1,097 00

For Foreign Work.

American Baptist Home Mission Society, . .	$514 43	
		$514 43

For Minutes.

Education Society,	$26 00	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	6 00	
		$32 00

From Interest.

Dunham Fund,	$190 00	So. Windsor,	$9 90	
Chapman,	292 50	Miller,	68 50	
E. Francis,	49 00	Manning,	20 20	
Phelps,	30 00	A. Francis,	75 00	
Hall,	449 56	Cone,	190 00	
Westcott,	235 00	Sheldon,	25 00	
Annuity,	250 00	Ann M. May,	25 00	
Wilmot,	56 25	Searls,	5 00	
Martha Rogers,	12 25	Rowayton,	137 50	
Phillips & Fiske,	40 00	Parshley,	224 87	
Beebe Annuity,	25 00	Balcom,	25 00	
Saybrook,	176 50			$2,612 03

From Other Sources.

Transferred from West Hartford Fund,	$40 00	
Balance from sale of Newtown Church,	6 00	
Bridgeport German, for rent,	180 00	
New Hartford, rent,	64 00	
Loans,	2,700 00	
Sale New Hartford property,	1,700 00	
Collections at Convention,	59 85	
		$4,749 85
Total receipts for General Fund for year,		$17,319 25

Bequests, Annuities, and Other Trust Funds.

Bequest of Samuel W. Parshley,	$5,000 00	
Bequest of James L. Howard,	2,500 00	
Elizabeth H. Gallup, Annuity,	2,000 00	
		$9,500 00
Grand total of receipts,		$26,819 25

PAYMENTS.

To Churches and Missions.

Eastford,	$60 00	Torrington,	138 46	
Westford,	40 00	Andover,	$50 00	
So. Woodstock,	75 00	Bridgeport, German,	156 00	
Bloomfield,	100 00	Canton,	100 00	
No. Colebrook,	40 00	So. Colebrook,	60 00	
East Cornwall,	50 00	Cornwall Hollow,	50 00	
Hartford Swedish,	137 50	New Britain, Swedish,	120 00	
Tariffville,	92 31	West Hartford,	90 00	
Cheshire,	52 00	Naugatuck,	156 00	
Waterbury, Swedish,	175 00	N. Haven, Swedish,	50 00	
Shelton,	160 00	Ledyard,	100 00	
Sterling,	75 00	White Hills,	80 00	
				$2,207 27

For Foreign Work.

Stamford, Italian,	$412 28	
New Haven, Italian,	405 47	
Torrington, Italian,	25 00	
Waterbury, Italian,	482 00	
New London, Italian,	360 00	
Hartford, Italian,	99 98	
Putnam, French,	392 25	
New London Italian, rent,	180 00	
South Norwalk, Italian, rent,	52 00	
		$2,408 98

Evangelistic Services.

A. F. Baker,	$1,356 91	
A. B. Coats,	122 06	
W. F. Newton,	35 00	
C. K. Flanders,	100 85	
Warren O. Barnes,	300 00	
		$1,914 82

Income to Churches.

Andover,	$34 00
North Colebrook,	45 00
Saybrook,	118 71

Middletown,	193 75	
South Windsor,	9 90	
Willington,	104 00	
Rowayton,	204 75	
E. Killingly,	275 00	
Wethersfield,	149 00	
So. Woodstock,	20 00	
North Stonington, First,	68 50	
		$1,222 61

Secretary's Salary and Expenses.

Salary as Superintendent,		$1,600 00	
Salary as Secretary,		200 00	
Expenses —			
Railroad,	270 40		
Postage,	96 47		
Hotel,	88 20		
Livery,	11 50		
Express,	17 63		
Supplies,	46 50		
Telephone and Telegraph,	13 14		
Pulpit Supplies,	12 50	$556 34	
			$2,356 34

Miscellaneous.

Printing, Smith, Linsley & Co.,	448 48
Printing, N. P. Daniels,	52 50
Bridgeport, German, Int. etc.,	244 39
New Hartford, repairs,	29 91
West Hartford, insurance and repairs,	68 00
Interest, Westcott Annuity,	300 00
Stamford, interest, insurance, and repairs,	129 30
Interest, Winsted,	35 00
Interest, Shelton,	90 00
Discounts and Interest,	115 73
New Canaan, Insurance,	35 00
Transferred to Chapel Fund,	637 00
Organ for New London Italian,	10 00
American Baptist Publication Society,	41 35
Transferred to Church Edifice Fund,	1,700 00

Paid Loans,	2,700 00	
Increase of stock for Saybrook Fund,	57 79	
Transferred from int. to principal of Hall Fund,	267 56	
		$17,072 03
Balance,		$247 22
		$17,319 25

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance at last report,	$338 50
Received from Churches,	4,546 81
Received for Evangelistic and other services,	1,156 25
Received from Individuals for General Fund,	162 00
Received from Individuals for Singing Evangelist,	335 00
Received from Individuals for Chapel Fund,	400 00
Received from Individuals for Current Needs,	1,097 00
Received for Foreign Work,	514 43
Received from Interest on Funds,	2,612 03
Received from various Missions and Societies,	97 20
Received from Loans,	2,700 00
Received from Young People's Department,	473 79
Received from Bible School Department,	804 49
Received from Sale New Hartford Property,	1,700 00
Received from other sources,	381 75
	$17,319 25

Payments.

To Churches,	$2,207 27
For Foreign Work,	2,408 98
For Evangelistic Services,	1,914 82
Income to Churches,	1,222 61
Secretary. salary and expense,	2,356 34
Transferred to Church Edifice Fund,	2,337 00
Paid loan,	2,700 00
Paid interest and insurance,	773 03
Paid printing,	500 98

Transferred from interest to principal of Hall Fund,	267 56
Miscellaneous,	383 44
	$17,072 03
Balance,	$247 22
	$17,319 25

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Balance at last report,		$1,249 35
Received from interest,	$17 30	
Received from Special Chapel Fund,	400 00	
Received from Sale of New Hartford Church,	1,700 00	
Transferred from General Fund,	237 00	
Transferred from Colored Church Fund,	5 99	
		$2,360 29
		$3,609 64
Paid Italian Chapel, New Haven,	$1,237 00	
Paid Grace Church, Waterbury,	50 00	
		$1,287 00
Balance,		$2,322 64

WEST HARTFORD FUND.

Balance at last report,	$115 94	
Received from Interest,	5 60	
		$121 54
Transferred to General Fund for repairs,		40 00
		$81 54

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 25th, 1906.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts and securities in the hands of W. F. Walker, Treasurer of the Connecticut Baptist Convention and find the same to be as stated in his report.

A. SPENCER, JR., Auditor.

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Resources.

Permanent Fund (income for general work),	$27,950 00
Trust Funds (income for certain churches),	33,650 00
Annuity Funds,	9,000 00
Church Edifice Fund,	2,322 64
West Hartford Fund,	81 54
Unpaid pledges to Chapel Fund,	550 00
Unpaid pledges to General Fund,	911 00
Unpaid pledges for Singing Evangelist,	675 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	247 22

Obligations.

German Church, Waterbury, Trust Fund, (with interest)	1,155 75
Income from all Trust Funds,	
Income from Annuity Funds,	

STATEMENT OF FUNDS HELD BY CONVENTION.

C. H. Chapman Fund.

15 Shares New Britain National Bank,	$2,250	$127 50
2,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds, due 1913,		
1,000 Potomac Valley R. R. Co., due 1941,	3,225	135 00
R. E. Mortgage, Washington Co., Col.,	275	7 50
Deposit in Savings Bank,	750	30 00
	$6,500	$300 00

Income to Convention.

C. H. Sheldon Fund.

Real Estate Mortgage,	$500	$25 00

Income to Convention.

Martha Rogers Fund.

Loan on endorsed notes,	$500	$10 30

Income to Convention.

Almira O. Cone Fund.

4,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds,	$4,300	$180 00
Loan on 7 shares U. S. Steel, pfd.,	500	10 00
Real estate mortgage, Greely Co., Col.,	200	
	$5,000	$190 00

One-half income to Convention, one-half to East Haddam.

Dunham Fund.

5 Shares Hartford National Bank,	$500	$30 00
4,000 Potomac Valley R. R. Co., due 1941,	4,000	160 00
	$4,500	$190 00

Income of this fund goes to Willington, Mansfield, and Andover.

Esther N. Francis Fund.

4 Shares Farmers & Mechanics Nat'l Bank, Hartford,	$400	$24 00
Real estate mortgage in New Britain, High Street,	500	25 00
	$900	$49 00

Income goes to Wethersfield church.

Ann M. May Fund.

Note secured by collateral,	$500	$25 00

Income goes to Wethersfield church.

Alfred Francis Fund.

Real estate mortgage, Wethersfield,	$1,100	$55 00
Note secured by collateral,	400	20 00
	$1,500	$75 00

Income goes to Wethersfield church.

Anna E. Miller Fund.

10 Shares First National Bank, Stonington, . .	$1,000	$68 50
Income to Pendleton Hill church.		

A. E. Phelps Fund.

Real estate mortgage, ...	$500	$30 00
Income to North Colebrook church.		

Sarah R. Frisbie Fund.

1,000 Cincinnati, Dayton & Irontown R. R. bond, .	$1,000	$50 00
Income to Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Conn.		

Rowayton Fund.

Loan on collateral, ...	$1,750	$87 50
Deposit in Savings Bank, ...	1,250	50 00
	$3,000	$137 50
Income to Rowayton Church.		

A. M. Fuller Fund.

R. E. mortgage, ...	$200
Income to Convention.	

Valentine Ballard Fund.

R. E. mortgage, ...	$200
Income to Convention.	

Jas. W. Manning Fund.

Deposit in Putnam Savings Bank, ...	$500	$20 00
Income payable to South Woodstock church.		

First Saybrook Fund.

9 Shares Phoenix Insurance Co.	
8 Shares Aetna Insurance Co.	
2 Shares Hartford Insurance Co.	
3 Shares National Insurance Co.	
1 Share Connecticut Fire Insurance Co.	
Loan, ...	$300
Income to First Saybrook Church.	

Abbie Babcock Phillips Fund.

Principal, ...	$500	

Lucy A. Fiske Fund.

Principal, ...	$500	
One bond Buffalo & Susquehanna R. R. Co., . .	$1,000	$40 00

Income to Convention.

Stephen Woodward Fund.

Deposit in Savings Bank, ...	$500	$20 00

Levi A. Hall Fund.

Am. Real Estate Co., bond, ...	$1,000
Middletown Banking Co., bond, ...	600
5 Shares Thames National Bank, Norwich, . .	800
Notes secured by collateral, ...	7,300
Cash, ...	300
	$10,000

Income to Convention.

Henry and Almira Westcott Memorial Fund.—Annuity.

20 shares Union Pacific R. R., ...	$2,600
13 shares U. S. Steel Preferred, ...	1,300
Note secured by mortgage, ...	1,100
	$5,000

A. E. and H. T. Westcott Fund.

Real Estate Mortgage, New Britain, 5% . .	$2,000
Loan secured by collateral, 4½%	3,000
	$5,000

Income to East Killingly Church.

Geo. R. Willmot Fund.

Note secured by collateral, ...	$1,250

Income to Convention.

Sarah Searls Fund.

Real Estate Mortgage, ... $100
Income to Convention.

Helen Beebe Fund.—Annuity.

Real Estate Mortgage, New Britain, 5% . . $1,000

Jane E. Balcom Fund.—Annuity.

Loan on collateral, ... $1,000

Samuel W. Parshley Fund.

Real Estate Mortgage, ... $5,000
Income to Middletown church.

James L. Howard Fund.

Real Estate mortgage, ... $2,500

Elizabeth H. Gallup Fund.—Annuity.

Note secured by collateral, ... $2,000

The Convention also holds the title to the following Church property: German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Winsted, Meriden, Swedish, Torrington, West Hartford, New Canaan, Saybrook (three pieces of property), Chapel in Stamford, lot on Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, building lot in Torrington, and mortgage for $1,000.00 on New Britain Swedish Church.

The Convention pays the interest on mortgage of German, Bridgeport, $148.50 annually, on mortgage on Shelton Church, $75 annually, on mortgage on Winsted Church, and on Stamford Chapel, $47.50 annually.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WALKER,
Treasurer.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

(This list is incomplete and very unsatisfactory. The system of securing the registration of accredited delegates, or the want of a system, may be the cause. It is always desirable that each pastor, or some delegate from each church, report on separate list the delegates in actual attendance from their respective churches.)

Ashford Association.

Brooklyn — Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D.
Danielson — Rev. D. J. Neily, F. T. Preston, Mrs. F. T. Preston.
Eastford — Rev. J. W. Higgins.
East Killingly — Rev. J. A. Peake, Mrs. J. A. Peake.
Mansfield — Mrs. W. P. Wildes.
Putnam — Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. B. F. Benoit, Mrs. J. B. Kent, Miss M. Hopkins, J. H. Bowen.
Stafford — Rev. A. B. Todd.
Thompson, Central — Rev. C. I. Ramsey, Mrs. C. I. Ramsey.
Willimantic — Rev. O. R. O. Farel, Geo. E. Stiles, Mrs. G. E. Stiles, Jas. G. Robinson, Mrs. Harriet B. Harris, Ada M. Bowen.
South Woodstock — Rev. R. H. Sherman, G. A. Lyon, R. G. Sherman.

Fairfield Association.

Banksville — Rev. F. Purvis, Mrs. F. Purvis, R. A. Ingersoll, Mrs. R. A. Ingersoll.
Bridgeport, East End — Rev. B. D. Remington.
Bridgeport, First — Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Mrs. G. W. Nicholson, M. E. Morris, J. H. Crossley, Rev. G. C. Sauer, J. W. Brittin.
Bridgeport, German — Rev. C. A. Gruhn.
Bridgeport, Immanuel — S. T. Velie, Mr. Van Stone.
Bridgeport, Messiah — Rev. W. N. Morton, G. Carter.
Bridgeport, Second — Rev. E. E. Loux, J. W. Barnes, Mrs. A. B. Phillips, C. W. Beers, W. R. Miller, T. F. Walker.
Bridgeport, Swede — Rev. T. Clafford.
Danbury, Second — E. S. Fairchild, F. Vail, Chas. Travis, Mrs. C. Travis, Miss Robinson, Mrs. John McKeever, L. W. Andrews.
Greenwich — Rev. P. C. James.
New Milford — Rev. S. D. Woods, Mrs. S. D. Woods.

Rowayton — Rev. F. C. Brown.
South Norwalk — Rev. H. B. Carpenter, Andrew Thompson, Dr. H. C. Sherer, W. H. Lawton, C. N. Arnold, Mrs. G. F. Waters, Miss Emma F. Buxton.
Stamford, First — Rev. J. Wilbur Richardson, J. Walter Davis, Mrs. J. W. Davis, B. I. Knapp, Mrs. S. Y. St. John, Miss E. Isabelle Youngs.
Stamford, Italian — Rev. V. diDomenica, Mrs. V. diDomenica.
Stepney — R. H. Broderick.
Stratfield — Rev. T. G. Denchfield.

Hartford Association.

Bloomfield — Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr.
Canton — Rev. F. H. Cooper.
Colebrook, North — Rev. W. P. Bartlett.
East Cornwall — Rev. P. S. Collins, Mrs. Pond.
Hartford, Asylum Ave. — Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. C. A. Piddock, John Gemmill, F. W. Payne, Mrs. F. W. Payne.
Hartford, First — Hon. C. O. Spencer, L. C. Glazier, Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mrs. Bayless, Rev. F. H. Divine, Mrs. F. H. Divine.
Hartford, Memorial — Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D., Mrs. H. M. Thompson, H. H. Dickinson, Mrs. H. H. Dickinson, W. O. Shelley.
New Britain, First — Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D.D., Mrs. T. E. Brown, W. F. Walker, Mrs. W. F. Walker, N. W. Graves, Mrs. N. W. Graves.
New Britain, Swede — Rev. J. E. Klingberg.
Rockville — Rev. G. D. Gould, Mrs. G. D. Gould, Mrs. C. N. Fitch, Jos. E. Cheatham.
South Windsor — Rev. J. M. Lent, Mrs. J. M. Lent.
Suffield, Second — Rev. R. C. Hull.
Tariffville — Rev. W. A. House.
Torrington, Calvary — Rev. O. W. Foye, L. C. Hull.
West Hartford — B. M. Des Jardins.
Winsted — Rev. F. D. Elmer, Mrs. F. D. Elmer, Mrs. F. W. Marsh, Mrs. Peter Hart.

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First — Rev. W. D. McKinney, H. C. Cook, Wm. H. Fielding, H. G. Fosdick, T. U. Wentworth, Miss N. Boutwell.
Ansonia, Macedonia — Rev. L. B. Goodall.
Branford — Rev. F. St. John Fitch.
Clinton — Rev. L. B. Curtis, Mrs. L. B. Curtis.

Cromwell — A. Boardman.
Deep River — Rev. J. H. Messenger, Mrs. J. H. Messenger, Miss Emma Tyler, Miss Sadie Booma.
Meriden, First — Rev. R. A. Ashworth, S. J. Hall, Mrs. S. J. Hall, W. C. Twiss, Miss Fannie Twiss.
Meriden, German — Rev. J. C. Huber.
Meriden, Main St. — Rev. A. E. Harris, I. I. Gardner.
Meriden, Swede — Rev. Robert Larson.
Middletown — Rev. G. F. Whittemore, Ph.D., W. J. Trevithick, Mrs. W. J. Trevithick.
Naugatuck — Rev. C. C. Smith, Mrs. C. C. Smith.
New Haven, Calvary — Rev. D. D. Munro, Rev. A. diDomenica, Giles Potter, Wm. H. Douglass, Julius Twiss.
New Haven, First — Rev. F. Lent, Ph.D., S. O. Preston, Mrs. S. O. Preston, Pierce N. Welch, Miss H. N. Jencks, Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., Mrs. J. O. Bergh.
New Haven, German — Rev. Otto Koenig.
New Haven, Grand Ave. — Rev. C. G. Smith, M. M. Gower, Mrs. Fred Willis.
New Haven, Howard Ave. — Rev. R. D. Trick, Mrs. W. H. Elkins, F. S. Stebbins.
New Haven, Immanuel — Rev. A. C. Powell, D.D.
New Haven, Olivet — Rev. J. W. Ford, D.D., C. M. Parker, Mrs. C. M. Parker, John Kohrer, Mrs. J. Kohrer, Deacon Curtis, Mrs. Curtis.
New Haven, Swede — Rev. O. C. Wieden.
Plantsville — Rev. G. H. Gardner, Mrs. G. H. Gardner.
Shelton — Rev. G. D. Reid, F. B. Persons, Mrs. F. B. Persons.
Southington — Rev. W. V. Gray.
Wallingford — Rev. W. A. Spinney, Mrs. W. A. Spinney, M. B. Leete.
Waterbury, First — Rev. O. Haywood, D.D., A. J. Shipley, N. C. Smith, Mr. Tripp, Mrs. Haight, Miss Watkins, Mrs. Geo. Watson, Wm. Dixon, F. J. Ward.
Waterbury, Grace — Rev. I. W. Reed.
Waterbury, Tabernacle — Rev. A. O. Laurence.
Yalesville — Rev. B. F. Hurlburt.

New London Association.

Bozrah — Rev. J. G. Ward, Mrs. J. G. Ward, Miss Annie Browning.
Scott's Hill — Rev. Wm. Muir.
Lyme, East — Rev. C. M. Reed.
Lyme, North — Mrs. C. S. Jewett.
Montville Union — Rev. E. Sanderson, Mrs. E. Sanderson.

New London, First — Rev. F. G. McKeever, D.D., Rev. Jos. Rapp.
New London, Huntington St. — Rev. J. A. Elder.
Niantic — Rev. H. A. Goering, J. P. Clark, Byron Clark, Miss L. Beebe, Miss Jessie Havens.
Norwich, Central — Rev. P. C. Wright, Mrs. F. Roath, F. Beckwith.
Norwich, First — Rev. H. E. Wise, Mrs. Cranston.
Norwich, Mt. Calvary — Rev. E. T. Curtis, Mrs. R. Powers.
Norwich, Third — Rev. C. L. Snow, Mrs. Wm. P. Green, Miss Annie Frink.
Waterford, Second — Rev. F. D. Luddington, Miss Annie Bitters.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton, First — Rev. H. B. Hutchins, Mrs. H. B. Hutchins.
Groton, Heights — Rev. G. R. Atha, F. Gallup, Miss Ella Nordfeldt.
Mystic Union — E. F. Wilcox, Mrs. E. F. Wilcox, R. P. Wilbur.
Noank — Robert Palmer, Rev. J. C. Lamb.
North Stonington, First — Rev. H. V. Baker.
North Stonington, Third — Rev. L. Drury.
Plainfield Union — Rev. J. G. Stanton, W. C. C. Hill.
Preston City — Rev. N. B. Prindle, Mrs. N. B. Prindle, Chas. Zabriskie.
Voluntown — Rev. E. Dewhurst, Mrs. E. Dewhurst.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

1907.

Association.	Place.	Date.
Stonington Union,	Jewett City,	June 19, 20.
Hartford,	Hartford, First,	September 10, 11.
New London,	Lebanon,	September 11, 12.
Ashford,	Willimantic,	September 24, 25.
Fairfield,	Bridgeport, First,	September 25, 26.
New Haven,	Wallingford,	October 2, 3.

Association.	Clerk.	Chairman of Missionary Committee.
Ashford,	Rev. D. J. Neily, Danielson.	Rev. C. Wolfe, Willington.
Fairfield,	Rev. T. G. Denchfield, Bridgeport.	Rev. F. C. Brown, Rowayton.
Hartford,	Rev. S. G. Hastings, Hartford.	Rev. F. D. Elmer, Winsted.
New Haven,	Rev. J. H. Messenger, Deep River.	Rev. O. Haywood, D.D., Waterbury.
New London,	Rev. J. G. Ward, Norwich.	
Stonington Union,	Rev. E. Dewhurst, Voluntown.	Rev. O. G. Buddington, West Mystic.

STATISTICS

OF

Churches and Sunday-Schools.

SPECIAL NOTES.

If the churches desire to appear in these important annual records in full, pastors and church clerks should see to it that their statistical reports are completely filled out and returned promptly. The Secretary is a poor guesser, and does not care to display his ignorance.

Expenses of Young People's Societies are added in with church expenses. The benevolence of these societies is reckoned in the column of "Young People's Benevolence."

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.						Pres't Condition.				Sunday-school.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrol'd	Res. Mem. Men.	Res. Mem. Women.	Preparing for Ministry.	Total Enrol'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	Value of Church Property free of Debt.
Andover,	1826	E. Hatfield....03	Edgar D. White	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	..	3	35	7	16	....	25	13	....	$ 2,000
Brooklyn,	1828	G. F. Genung, D.D.05	Theo. D. Pond	4	....	....	....	5	1	....	2	..	4	90	17	35	....	52	20	4	7,500
Danielson,	1874	D. J. Nelly	K. A. Darbie	7	4	....	....	13	....	....	....	..	2	261	52	98	....	257	152	7	17,000
Eastford,	1794	J. W. Higgins....04	Chas. A. Rice	17	5	....	....	....	....	....	1	21	..	61	26	30	....	66	40	15	2,800
Killingly, East,	1776	J. A. Peake....06	H. N. Collins	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	..	3	41	4	19	....	25	22	....	2,000
Mansfield,	1809	Leonard Smith....93	L. J. Storrs	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	..	101	....	....	....	69	36	7	4,100
Putnam,	1847	J. R. Stubbert....02	Louis E. Law	4	3	1	....	21	....	....	7	..	20	373	92	165	....	195	111	....	42,000
Stafford,	1809	A. B. Todd....06	H. C. Thresher	....	2	....	....	3	....	....	....	..	1	54	17	27	....	102	45	....	2,900
Thompson, Central,	1846	C. I. Ramsey....06	Stephen Ballard	2	1	....	....	3	....	....	1	..	1	135	41	69	....	150	76	....	12,500
Thompson, East,	1845	Samuel Thatcher .96	Mrs. A. M. Soper	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	..	2	34	6	11	....	36	24	....	2,600
Warrenville,	1848	G. C. Chappell 94	Z. B. Bicknell	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	..	3	59	14	32	....	56	26	....	4,000
Westford,	1884	J. W. Higgins....04	A. G. Barlow	9	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	5	..	50	14	23	....	30	16	....	2,500
Willimantic,	1827	O. R. O. Farel 05	W. N. Potter	17	12	....	....	5	4	....	9	11	..	342	61	158	....	242	115	17	24,000
Willington,	1828	Charles W. Wolfe, 04	Estella J. Pratt	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	2	1	..	105	21	56	....	*104	52	....	3,500
Woodstock, South,	1792	R. H. Sherman....04	Harris L. Sanger	6	3	3	....	....	....	....	2	10	..	72	24	30	....	50	35	4	4,000
Woodstock, West,	1766	A. J. Wilcox....02	Jude P. Gage	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	4	..	65	13	23	....	39	16	5	5,400
Totals..Churches, 16	....	Pastors, ...15	.....	80	34	5	....	55	5	....	38	21	..	1,879	?	?	....	1,498	799	59	$138,800

* Two schools,

FINANCIAL TABLES.

Churches in Ashford Association.	Home Expenses.		Benevolent Contributions.														Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.	
Andover	$419 00	$5 78	$5 00	$8 00	$6 00	$5 00	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$7 15	$36 15	$460 93
Brooklyn	613 74	13 34	16 25	18 00	10 75	10 00	10 25	$24 97	.....	$7 50	.....	$6 74	.....	9 39	113 85	740 93
Danielson	1,653 93	200 00	20 00	.....	30 82	55 00	61 00	88 60	36 00	17 00	.....	.....	$26 58	26 00	331 30	2,185 24
Eastford	481 84	16 48	21 00	10 00	11 00	.....	5 00	7 00	2 75	.....	.....	.....	50 00	10 25	117 00	615 32
Killingly, East	321 71	7 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	329 24
Mansfield	485 21	61 63	20 05	29 40	20 00	25 00	25 00	83 00	12 62	.....	$1 51	.....	.....	16 00	232 58	779 42
Putnam	2,146 47	55 35	24 02	32 82	46 61	30 00	51 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	38 30	47 50	5 00	282 25	2,484 07
Stafford	664 37	58 26	5 00	14 84	.....	12 29	12 79	.....	8 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 27	780 90
Thompson, Central	1,242 95	91 32	.....	.....	100 10	26 54	42 00	6 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	19 50	393 86	1,728 13
Thompson, East	186 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50	10 50	221 50
Warrenville	683 81	25 89	13 00	8 00	7 53	14 80	22 00	.....	4 00	2 00	3 00	.....	9 00	.....	83 30	793 00
Westford	197 75	.....	10 00	5 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	23 50	221 25
Willimantic	2,273 54	117 88	53 40	36 38	54 00	69 84	37 50	49 75	.....	13 96	28 00	18 00	.....	17 00	377 83	2,769 25
Willington	734 76	57 00	33 00	26 34	45 00	23 70	26 00	43 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 02	234 97	1,026 70
Woodstock, South	728 08	13 39	12 00	2 00	.....	10 00	12 00	13 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 38	66 38	807 85
Woodstock, West	430 15	13 30	50	.....	.....	8 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 50	462 95
Totals	$13,263 31	762 15	233 22	190 78	335 78	290 17	325 54	463 92	46 22	40 46	32 51	63 04	194 38	160 19	2,381 24	15,406 68

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Churches in Fairfield Association.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.					Pres't Condition.			Sunday-school.			Value of Church Property free of Debt.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain. Loss.	Total Enroll'd	Res. Mem. Men.	Res. Mem. Women.	Total Enroll'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
Banksville	1853	Francis Purvis....04	Mrs. R. Ingersoll	3	4	....	....	1	1	....	....	5 ..	86	20	24	89	30	2	$7,000
Bridgeport, East End	1905	B. D. Remington..05	E. A. Schoenfeldt	....	7	5	....	....	....	....	....	12 ..	49	13	36	102	50	....	1,000
" First	1837	G. W. Nicholson ..94	George H. Noble	30	26	10	....	10	10	....	8	38 ..	720	..	..	*526	334	25	105,500
" German	1888	C. A. Gruhn.....03	John Reif.....	1	3	....	2	1	1	....	2	2 ..	62	22	40	98	50	....	6,700
" Immanuel	1889	.....	Hartley Williams	....	2	....	....	10	....	....	....	8	105	30	40	97	50	....	4,000
" Messiah	1888	W. N. Morton.....88	Richard B. White	5	....	1	1	....	1	3	1	2 ..	132	.....	.....	111	62	....	18,000
" Second	1873	E. E. Loux 02	Louis J. Wood.	12	9	....	....	12	....	....	2	7 ..	286	99	189	188	137	....	28,000
" Swede	1882	T. Clafford.....98	Alfred Geigcr	19	8	1	....	6	5	5	1	11 ..	175	55	120	171	120	13	6,000
Danbury, New Hope	1896	D. C. Thomas.....05	H. D. Kearney	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	.....	.....	25	.....	....	.....
" Second	1790	C. B. Bolles.....04	Matthew Barber.	13	4	....	....	3	8	....	13	7	501	.....	.....	293	130	....	60,000
Easton	1831	.....	C. S. Powell	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Greenwich	1897	P. C. James..... .06	James R. Drew.	2	3	6	....	2	1	....	3	4	71	11	24	74	30	....	4,500
New Canaan	1873	No report.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7 ..	78	.....	.....	30	?	....	800
New Milford	1814	S. D. Woods 05	F. E. Baldwin	9	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	7 ..	62	14	25	62	38	9	2,400
Norwalk, First	1837	DeW. T. VanDoren 99	James Evenden.	1	1	....	....	3	....	....	1	5	130	.....	.....	76	45	1	6,500
" Grace	1890	.....	Ella Hamlet	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	3	44	.....	.....	82	30	....	3,050
Rowayton	1859	F. C. Brown.....99	Jos. S. Pennell.	4	7	....	....	....	....	....	3	3	99	29	58	101	75	....	10,000
South Norwalk	1859	H. B. Carpenter...02	H. C. Sherer, M.D.	51	13	10	....	8	1	....	4	7 ..	446	.....	.....	335	178	....	30,500
Stamford, First	1773	J. W. Richardson..03	C. E. Waterbury.	47	7	3	....	3	3	....	8	57 ..	429	.....	.....	188	118	....	71,000
" Italian	1902	V. di Domenica.....03	V. diDomenica	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	46 ..	30	10	6	39	22	....	3,050
" Union	1891	W. O. Harris 95	S. A. Townes...	14	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	21 ..	121	.....	.....	96	50	....	5,000
Stepney	1848	Robert Duncan....05	Burr Hawley....	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	2	2	99	30	41	104	44	....	7,500
Stratfield	1751	T. G. Denchfield ..00	Geo. A. Sturges..	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	3	3	48	12	36	50	25	....	8,200
Stratford, First	1878	D. E. Meyers..... 05	R. S. Adams	1	....	4	1	....	....	1	....	5 ..	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1,000
" Pilgrim	1902	S. E. Lee 05	Miss H. Johnson	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	21	12	9	.....	.....	....	1,100
White Hills	1838	A. A. Bickford.....01	George W. Drew	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	31	8	16	50	28	1	5,100
Totals.....Churches, 26	....	Pastors,.....22	.....	213	102	42	4	63	33	9	61	195 ..	3,896	?	?	2,987	?	60	$396,900

* Two schools.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

Churches in Fairfield Association.	Home Expenses.		Benevolent Contributions															Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's and Widow's Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.			
Banksville	$562 30	$25 00	$5 00	$18 85	$5 50	$5 00	$3 00	$2 00	$3 75	$10 00	$22 00	.....	.....	$13 00	$88 10			$675 40
Bridgeport, East End	1,940 75	29 06	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00			1,978 81
" First	6,715 50	585 72	250 00	1,184 20	1,204 00	205 00	86 00	308 47	22 00	75 30	300 00	$201 55	$380 66	.....	4,203 14			11,504 36
" German	681 45	55 32	20 10	21 75	10 41	.....	.....	7 00	8 25	13 50	.....	23 90	5 00	23 01	132 92			869 69
" Immanuel	628 14	138 86	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	30 00			797 00
" Messiah	1,566 25	.....	25 00	43 70	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 11	.....	134 81			1,701 06
" Second	2,086 50	75 00	12 37	36 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	100 00	.....	.....	157 12			2,318 62
" Swede	1,633 10	154 03	10 00	4 37	23 00	.....	.....	.....	9 25	15 41	.....	135 60	228 40	.....	426 03			2,213 16
Danbury, New Hope	501 00	5 00	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	9 00			515 00
" Second	3,769 19	271 32	25 00	25 00	25 00	9 71	10 00	15 00	.....	6 15	5 00	.....	.....	.....	120 86			4,161 37
Easton	502 00	33 47	9 00	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	34 00			569 47
Greenwich	602 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00			607 00
New Canaan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			.....
New Milford	765 63	62 17	85 00	10 00	10 00	23 45	37 00	25 33	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	9 50	24 63	230 91			1,058 71
Norwalk, First	2,431 70	.....	35 00	.....	.....	84 00	43 00	60 00	10 00	20 00	29 00	5 00	48 20	14 70	348 90			2,780 60
" Grace	500 00	16 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00			521 70
Rowayton	3,754 38	217 41	.....	16 22	15 00	.....	.....	49 43	.....	.....	.....	68 75	.....	41 59	190 99			4,162 78
South Norwalk	4,959 96	388 93	278 00	200 00	269 66	84 43	63 00	7 04	10 19	.....	98 61	71 01	265 58	154 24	1,601 76			6,947 65
Stamford, First	4,505 00	183 73	116 10	120 00	154 54	153 38	235 65	10 00	25 52	23 79	43 82	592 14	321 29	60 64	1,856 87			6,545 60
" Italian	122 72	3 50	7 25	5 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	28 30			154 52
" Union	900 00	134 45	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50			1,035 95
Stepney	798 00	.....	13 80	10 40	13 80	16 00	23 00	7 00	.....	.....	13 35	.....	.....	25 12	122 47			920 47
Stratfield	800 00	35 00	5 10	5 10	5 10	9 69	15 25	.....	....	4 80	4 00	.....	94 12	9 66	152 82			987 82
Stratford, First	251 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	2 00			253 00
" Pilgrim	200 00	.....	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	75			200 75
White Hills	587 00	18 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00			616 00
Totals	$41,763 57	2,429 67	907 22	1,727 14	1,868 26	600 66	526 35	498 27	90 96	168 65	531 53	1,202 95	1,400 86	391 59	9,903 25			54,096 49

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.						Pres't Condition.			Sunday-school.			Value of Church Property free of Debt.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled	Res. Mem. Men.	Res. Mem. Women.	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
Bantam	1850	.....	Edgar F. Wedge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	6	7	.....	.....	....	$1,250
Bloomfield	1786	H. M. Wolf, Jr.....03	A. Kelly.....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	47	13	18	38	31	....	4,200
Bristol	1791	Henry Clarke.....01	Wm. W. Russell.	18	2	2	....	7	1	....	7	7	....	479	136	280	383	183	....	30,000
Canton	1787	F. H. Cooper.....04	Loyal Higley....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	15	20	69	27	....	5,000
Colebrook, North	1794	W. P. Bartlett.....05	O. W. Oles.....	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	4	7	2	3	36	17	....	3,000
" South	1848	W. P. Bartlett.....05	G. W. Deming...	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	48	14	14	32	10	....	2,500
Cornwall, East	1786	P. S. Collins.....04	Amy M. Hoffman	2	1	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	1	52	13	14	36	19	2	1,000
Cornwall Hollow	1844	P. S. Collins.....04	E. H. Ocain.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	20	2	4	28	12	....	1,500
Hartford, Asylum Ave	1872	G. M. Stone, D.D...79	C. F. Gordon....	9	3	....	....	2	....	....	4	6	....	300	89	170	161	106	4	51,250
" First	1790	Harold Pattison...96	C. P. Gladding...	22	17	7	....	14	....	4	12	16	....	717	.....	.....	504	199	11	100,000
" Memorial	1884	H. M. Thompson.88	A. O. Dole.....	26	14	2	....	7	1	....	2	32	....	305	99	168	300	177	19	20,000
" Olivet	1896	S. G. Hastings.....02	Fred Guild.....	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	4	....	92	28	64	97	62	2	3,000
" Shiloh	1890	W. A. Harrod 04	Peter Wood	26	24	10	....	3	....	....	....	57	....	220	80	140	129	68	6	6,000
" South	1835	Wm. H. Moin, D.D.03	F. E. Tolhurst...	31	5	2	....	9	....	....	6	23	....	568	182	316	288	183	28	83,500
" Swede	1888	N. E. Valerius 05	Chas. R. Jackson	8	11	1	3	26	1	3	2	....	9	107	35	50	78	50	....	10,500
" Union	1876	Walter Gay.....00	H. S. Johnson...	20	5	10	2	....	....	2	....	35	....	295	93	202	134	80	19	6,500
New Britain, First	1808	T. E. Brown, D. D.04	W. F. Walker...	6	20	....	....	8	....	....	8	10	....	534	.....	.....	374	226	....	70,600
" German	1883	06	R. A. Meyers...	12	2	....	....	2	....	1	3	8	....	153	52	101	150	105	8	6,500
" Swede, E	1883	J. E. Klingberg....00	Emil Peterson...	6	5	1	1	4	....	3	1	5	....	130	40	68	70	60	1	8,000
Plainville	1852	C. L. Buckingham.06	Mrs. J. A. Fox ..	....	....	....	....	6	3	....	1	....	10	75	17	30	70	40	....	6,000
Rockville	1882	Geo. D. Gould.....00	Louis B. Denby.	30	3	1	....	....	....	....	5	39	....	169	63	85	160	75	23	12,000
South Windsor	1823	James M. Lent.....04	A. E. Stiles.....	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	83	16	33	75	34	....	6,500
Suffield, First	1769	.....	F. E. Hastings..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	73	20	35	.....	.....	....	5,500
" Second	1805	R. C. Hull 04	W. J. Wilson....	11	8	1	....	3	....	....	6	11	....	407	107	164	203	90	9	30,500
" Third	1905	David H. Drew....05	W. A. Morgan...	2	2	6	5	....	....	....	....	15	....	28	8	18	.....	.....	....	.....
Tariffville	1833	W. A House.....06	Wm. H. Pease...	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	2	58	17	20	60	31	....	4,000
Torrington, Calvary	1896	O. W. Foye.....06	W. E. Bennett...	16	1	1	....	4	....	....	....	14	....	162	58	66	143	84	3	13,500
West Hartford	1858	E. K. Jordon.....06	B. M. DesJardins	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	5	....	41	7	15	38	21	....	6,000
Wethersfield	1782	J. B. Connell.....03	Mrs. W. Coudrey	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	8	12	27	18	....	8,000
Winsted	1890	F. D. Elmer.....01	G. A. Sanford....	18	11	1	....	16	4	....	4	6	....	224	.....	.....	150	75	8	11,000
Totals.....Churches 30		Pastors 25		271	146	45	11	120	10	13	63	267	..	5,503	?	?	3,833	2,083	143	$517,300

FINANCIAL TABLES.

Churches in Hartford Association	Home Expenses.		Benevolent Contributions.														Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's and Widow's Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor	Other Objects	Sunday School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.		
Bantam	$20 00	.....	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 00		$22 00
Bloomfield	511 81	$40 24	10 00	$7 00	$8 00	$6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	.....	$11 40	$53 33	99 73		651 78
Bristol	4,479 60	283 00	85 00	66 00	67 41	47 75	$66 00	$49 00	2 00	$3 83	.....	.....	64 96	5 00	499 12		5,261 72
Canton	395 27	14 79	36 65	5 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 18		461 24
Colebrook, North	200 50	2 96	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	2 00	12 50		215 96
" South	268 21	8 18	2 00	2 00	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	2 00	9 30		285 69
Cornwall, East	258 51	.....	15 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	.....	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 00		301 51
" Hollow	115 30	10 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00		134 30
Hartford, Asylum Ave	5,277 31	215 00	.....	132 19	172 88	66 00	110 00	15 45	.....	$63 71	15 00	.....	326 05	35 00	936 28		6,428 59
" First	8,708 00	522 00	375 00	300 00	850 00	268 00	193 00	28 00	100 00	42 00	10 00	284 00	1,210 00	178 00	3,838 00		13,068 00
" Memorial	3,222 61	230 50	79 50	23 75	45 00	36 65	27 00	133 87	17 50	12 50	18 50	16 00	97 62	64 75	582 64		4,035 75
" Olivet	1,106 50	86 00	19 76	10 00	10 00	15 89	16 89	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	23 96	104 80		1,297 30
" Shiloh	1,959 64	75 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	20 00		2,054 64
" South	7,386 96	325 00	96 42	121 40	109 73	45 50	45 55	100 00	.....	74 41	50 00	269 70	381 32	60 00	1,354 03		9,065 99
" Swede	2,023 21	67 62	20 00	20 00	17 02	.....	.....	20 17	4 00	.....	.....	19 36	.....	.....	80 55		2,312 82
" Union	1,685 00	55 00	15 74	65 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	30 00	30 00	150 36		1,890 36
New Britain, First	5,400 00	340 00	141 68	209 64	445 49	95 00	95 00	32 00	.....	25 15	10 00	100 00	176 11	.....	1,239 07		6,970 07
" German	1,530 50	129 21	22 05	58 45	59 90	.....	.....	10 00	8 25	34 00	11 00	20 70	72 00	.....	296 35		1,956 06
" Swede	1,048 42	50 00	11 08	13 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	128 74	.....	173 65		1,272 07
Plainville	465 38	40 63	.....	.....	.....	16 00	22 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	40 52		546 53
Rockville	1,653 20	120 52	67 52	12 26	1 50	10 00	10 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	196 28		1,970 00
South Windsor	809 50	43 25	5 00	6 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	16 22	20 70	.....	3 00	.....	22 35	.....	99 27		952 02
Suffield, First	2,550 00	.....	7 00	.....	15 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00		2,584 00
" Second	2,930 61	216 42	145 50	377 51	466 04	246 65	219 92	54 50	.....	18 00	.....	144 00	.....	76 36	1,748 48		4,895 51
" Third	142 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 08	42 08		142 65
Tariffville	496 00	37 01	15 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00		575 09
Torrington, Calvary	1,689 84	179 11	23 35	10 19	16 04	11 25	11 25	.....	9 25	2 25	7 25	.....	52 00	.....	142 83		2,011 78
West Hartford	414 12	13 51	10 00	5 00	5 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 56		448 19
Wethersfield	618 63	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	7 50		626 13
Winsted	1,917 44	100 00	6 40	4 80	18 20	4 00	6 10	4 50	1 60	3 20	1 59	.....	9 60	50 00	110 59		2,118 03
Totals	$59,284 72	3,204 95	1,229 65	1,460 88	2,332 07	885 69	840 23	495 01	185 33	295 22	134 34	951 76	2,652 01	602 48	12,076 17		74,555 84

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Churches in New Haven Association.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.						Pres't Condition.			Sunday-school.				
				Baptism.	Letter.	Exp'nce.	Restora'n	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.	Res. Men.	W'm'n	Total Enrolled.	Average Attend'ce.	Added to Church	Value of Church Property Free of Debt.	
Ansonia, First	1874	W. D. McKinney..84	W. H. Fielding..	28	3	....	..	17	....	....	3	11	....	449	118	222	289	160	26	$ 26,000	
" Macedonia	1890	L. B. Goodall 05	P. P. Burbridge	....	....	3	1	....	....	....	2	2	....	87	....	.....	75	55	..	5,500	
Branford	1838	F. St. John Fitch..03	Mrs. E.M. Fowler	....	....	..	2	2	....	....	1	5	....	128	34	56	106	54	4	9,910	
Cheshire	1893	G. H. Gardner.....02	Miss Carrie Cook	6	3	....	..	1	....	....	2	6	....	30	7	10	37	20	6	5,000	
Chester	1832	.....	H. E. Williams.	....	2	....	..	4	....	....	1	....	3	159	35	73	144	59	....	13,500	
Clinton	1797	L. B. Curtis 04	W. H. Kelsey 2nd	6	6	....	..	5	....	....	3	4	..	126	30	58	75	34	6	6,000	
Cromwell	1802	.....	A. Boardman	....	....	....	..	2	....	....	1	....	3	89	10	26	80	45	..	6,500	
Deep River	1835	J. H. Messenger....04	E. S. Norton	....	7	1	2	7	....	....	9	....	6	209	51	96	189	109	7	12,500	
Essex	1811	.....	Joseph H. Pratt.	....	....	....	..	11	....	....	6	....	17	190	41	101	101	52	....	14,500	
Haddam	1822	.....	Mrs. E. J. Gilbert	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	1	....	1	20	2	6	....	....	....	5,000	
Meriden, First	1786	R. A. Ashworth 00	F. S. Hubbard	13	8	1	..	10	....	....	12	....	....	597	164	349	*551	*349	12	20,000	
" German	1873	J. C. Huber.....04	John Gunther	4	....	....	1	1	....	....	1	3	....	99	.....	.....	80	60	2	8,000	
" Main St.	1861	A. E. Harris.....03	Mrs. E. J. Baggs.	4	4	....	..	4	....	....	6	....	2	365	99	157	227	131	2	44,100	
" Swede	1887	Robert Larson 04	N. E. Johnson ..	17	1	....	..	3	....	....	....	15	....	133	54	79	120	72	14	8,500	
Middletown	1795	G. P. Whittemore.06	Stetson K. Ryan	13	15	7	..	8	2	....	13	12	....	472	118	206	280	192	13	25,600	
Milford	1895	E. T. Irving.....06	Frank Wallace..	2	3	..	..	17	....	....	1	....	8	36	16	20	46	15	2	1,465	
Montowese	1811	J. M. Wells.....04	J. L. Larkins....	1	1	1	..	2	....	....	....	3	....	69	20	29	122	63	4	7,500	
Naugatuck	1901	C. C. Smith 04	Isaac A. Morse..	1	2	2	..	1	....	....	4	....	....	23	6	11	54	37	....	3,000	
New Haven, Calvary	1871	D. D. Monroe 06	A. J. Ward.....	7	10	1	2	43	75	....	17	....	115	1,001	287	483	448	305	3	111,000	
" First	1816	F. Lent, Ph. D....04	Frank Nicholas..	13	1	1	..	4	....	....	13	5	....	552	.....	.....	517	206	13	67,000	
" German	1857	Otto Koenig.....01	E. Klannig.....	8	1	1	2	3	6	2	1	....	....	167	57	110	145	90	7	22,000	
" Grand Ave.	1871	Charles G. Smith ..05	M. M. Gower....	4	8	....	..	12	....	....	3	....	3	275	100	150	150	94	..	12,400	
" Howard Ave.	1891	R. D. Trick.....06	Mrs. W. H. Elkins	4	3	2	..	3	1	....	2	3	....	178	67	111	161	90	2	12,000	
" Immanuel	1845	A. C. Powell, D. D.93	Samuel W. Smith	177	7	33	5	5	20	....	16	81	....	507	175	332	147	125	14	25,000	
" Olivet	1894	J. W. Ford, D. D ..05	H. K. Trask....	38	4	2	..	6	....	....	3	32	....	218	57	161	187	115	16	5,000	
" Swede	1882	O. C. Wieden.....06	Oscar Engstrom.	4	7	....	..	11	....	17	1	....	18	102	30	35	55	40	..	2,800	
Plantsville	1872	G. H. Gardner.....01	Julius Bond	2	2	....	..	2	....	....	4	....	2	111	18	57	89	52	2	8,000	
Saybrook (P.O. Deep River)	1744	J. H. Messenger....05	Flora L. Hull....	....	....	....	..	1	....	....	2	....	3	25	.....	.....	40	17	....	4,200	
Shelton	1882	G. D. Reid 04	F. N. Barrett....	4	12	....	..	3	....	....	2	11	..	169	30	42	110	55	4	7,900	
Southington	1738	W. V. Gray.....02	N. A. Barnes	....	2	....	..	....	....	....	3	....	1	162	54	108	169	94	..	13,000	
Wallingford	1817	W. A. Spinney ...04	John H. Arthur..	4	1	2	..	....	....	....	4	3	....	343	107	164	268	122	1	36,000	
Waterbury, First	1805	O. Haywood, D. D.02	E. D. Stanton....	95	29	2	..	26	....	....	7	93	....	1,027	577	450	974	?	....	75,000	
" German	1894	No report.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" Grace	1900	I. W. Reed..... 01	R. A. McKinney	3	1	3	..	....	5	....	....	2	....	126	33	57	94	50	2	4,250	
" Second	1892	J. F. Vought.....06	F. C. Lowrey	3	5	....	..	4	....	....	....	4	....	96	28	56	144	93	....	10,500	
" Tabernacle	1905	A. O. Laurence....03	Nils Lawrence..	10	2	....	..	1	....	....	..	11	....	66	25	41	65	50	....	8,000	
Valesville	1879	B. F. Hurlburt.....02	W. T. McKenzie.	6	2	....	..	....	....	....	....	8	....	85	29	38	79	45	5	4,000	
Totals.....Churches, 37	....	Pastors.....31		391	154	66	13	219	109	19	141	136	....	8,430	?	?	6,418	?	167	$640,625	

* Three schools. † Report for two years.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.														Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Min. and Wid. Fund and Home	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benev.	Total Benev.	
Ansonia, First	$2,234 04	$280 00	$113 96	$106 00	$109 48	.....	.....	$ 77 85	.....	$25 00	$22 47	$ 45 00	$221 06	$ 25 00	$745 82	$3,259 86
" Macedonia	700 00	25 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	730 00
Branford	1,112 70	144 38	5 00	6 50	6 00	.....	$ 24 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	12 00	4 00	61 50	1,318 58
Cheshire	202 11	5 00	2 50	5 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	10 50	217 61
Chester	1,011 47	71 49	20 87	.....	.....	$ 28 50	26 73	8 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	10 44	100 54	1,183 50
Clinton	793 15	23 21	10 50	14 00	14 00	10 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	21 40	90 90	907 26
Cromwell	748 91	47 36	20 00	12 82	22 50	33 00	30 00	10 65	.....	.....	.....	5 00	25 00	24 84	190 81	987 08
Deep River	1,993 52	129 17	106 23	90 05	118 73	61 00	45 00	10 00	.....	22 66	6 39	274 00	54 21	52 94	841 21	2,963 90
Essex	1,770 03	44 14	20 35	20 72	30 35	36 55	33 37	14 00	$17 79	11 79	20 20	33 75	.....	10 40	249 27	2,063 44
Haddam	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Meriden, First	3,973 10	*415 52	146 43	139 64	182 88	110 90	167 00	95 97	55 42	149 98	42 85	50 90	881 15	*$146 92	2,170 04	6,558 66
" German	1,204 30	34 35	35 00	50 00	27 00	.....	.....	36 50	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	15 00	.....	189 50	1,428 15
" Main Street	2,870 02	90 00	72 75	.....	100 50	48 30	65 00	77 00	.....	.....	.....	35 00	35 67	11 11	417 22	3,377 24
" Swede	1,302 85	68 11	10 50	71 98	19 00	.....	.....	130 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	245 48	1,616 44
Middletown	2,941 25	150 00	50 00	.....	.....	50 00	48 00	40 00	.....	.....	15 00	130 00	68 11	75 38	476 49	3,567 74
Milford	602 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 15	8 15	610 77
Montowese	791 35	36 05	30 39	4 52	.....	11 55	25 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 52	95 07	922 47
Naugatuck	615 50	51 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 71	3 00	5 41	6 53	2 00	27 65	694 15
New Haven, Calvary	7,029 82	595 14	96 37	328 37	226 54	58 21	61 07	60 00	.....	91 28	22 00	245 79	595 45	60 84	1,845 92	9,470 88
" First	5,300 00	.....	257 30	229 65	278 26	184 65	166 85	28 13	25 00	.....	.....	416 47	628 04	.....	2,186 22	7,486 22
" German	1,444 86	93 34	.....	39 85	22 00	5 50	30 50	5 00	16 50	21 00	13 00	50 00	97 75	6 40	308 50	1,846 70
" Grand Ave	2,411 44	75 00	21 00	13 25	22 40	15 08	21 40	47 38	.....	.....	.....	21 48	8 34	.....	170 33	2,656 77
" Howard Ave	1,525 38	50 99	17 00	15 00	20 00	7 79	7 80	15 15	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	25 40	13 39	130 53	1,712 90
" Immanuel	4,054 45	325 00	12 00	23 00	43 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 77	5 00	62 00	50 43	7 00	327 95	4,707 40
" Olivet	1,700 00	156 62	18 53	9 00	10 61	15 00	11 85	12 00	.....	3 12	4 20	19 50	29 05	15 68	148 47	2,005 09
" Swede	1,102 00	57 10	10 00	38 17	28 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	37 00	.....	148 17	1,307 27
Plantsville	1,035 57	44 35	12 50	14 50	12 60	19 60	14 82	41 62	3 50	.....	4 00	8 00	.....	16 80	147 94	1,227 86
Saybrook	404 82	9 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	416 66
Shelton	911 49	123 30	13 00	4 25	5 83	17 50	16 85	12 50	.....	2 00	.....	20 00	.....	23 92	115 85	1,150 64
Southington	1,499 70	181 74	24 69	42 55	74 35	101 47	44 29	3 39	12 00	.....	14 40	29 53	248 93	.....	595 60	2,277 04
Wallingford	3,296 42	92 31	156 87	103 60	237 45	67 52	62 80	16 00	5 00	55 00	15 00	50 26	201 86	64 02	1,036 04	4,424 77
Waterbury, First	7,035 00	298 19	162 56	331 29	436 85	74 10	57 10	179 65	12 61	20 55	31 00	208 10	184 00	353 25	2,051 06	9,384 25
" German	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Grace	940 00	40 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00	5 00	44 00	1,024 00
" Second	1,153 67	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 58	5 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	23 85	.....	.....	57 43	1,211 10
" Tabernacle	5,740 25	70 00	14 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	55 50	25 00	.....	134 50	5,944 75
Yalesville	730 38	.....	18 75	.....	.....	13 00	13 00	22 37	.....	.....	.....	80 00	6 40	153 52	883 90	
Totals	$ 72,183 17	3,827 70	1,495 05	1,737 77	2,063 68	981 80	996 53	944 16	156 53	553 15	248 51	1,809 54	3,577 98	999 33	15,545 18	91,556 05

* Three schools.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.						Pres't Condition.			Sunday-school.			Value of Church Property Free of Debt.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrol'd	Res. Mem. Men.	Res. Mem. Women.	Total Enrol'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
Bozrah	1831	J. G. Ward 06	Mrs. E. Dolbeare	....	4	....	....	2	....	....	3	..	1	91	20	32	50	24	....	$4,000
Chesterfield	1824	No report		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,500
Colchester Borough	1830		Mrs. L. G. Sanxay	1	....	....	....	....	11	2	....	..	12	85	17	32	40	30	1	4,500
" Scott Hill	1780		Orrin M. Price	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	..	1	61	13	14	....	....	....	2,000
E. Had'm (P.O. Moodus)	1810	No report		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,000
Fitchville	1887	R. E. Turner 91	Frank A. Tracy	20	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	....	100	34	42	71	35	14	3,600
Lake's Pond	1842	C. M. Reed 03	May A. Chappell	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	..	1	62	8	14	....	....	....	2,500
Lebanon	1805	R. E. Turner 92	N. C. Barker	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	..	2	211	....	....	50	26	....	1,800
Lyme, East	1769	C. M. Reed 98	J. E. Watrous	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	..	3	168	30	60	92	53	....	4,000
" North	1810	C. H. Frederick 06	C. S. Jewett	....	....	....	....	3	1	....	2	..	6	109	....	....	62	35	....	5,000
" Old	1846		E. D. Caulkins	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	..	2	84	19	34	40	25	....	2,500
Montville, Union	1842	E. Sanderson 03	M. V. B. Brainard	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	..	1	170	....	....	161	71	....	4,375
New London, First	1804	F. G. McKeever ... 93	Joseph Starr	2	10	....	1	7	1	....	9	..	4	457	....	....	375	189	2	7,000
" Huntington St.	1849	Joseph A. Elder ... 99	W. M. Slocum	11	6	1	....	4	1	....	7	6	....	428	....	....	240	147	10	35,000
" Montauk Ave.	1840	B. U. Hatfield 06	Edward S Doton	2	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	60	11	25	180	80	2	25,000
" Shiloh	1894	M. R. Roscoe 05	Lucy Leeks	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	20	30	58	40	....	13,000
Niantic	1843	H. A. Goering 06	J. A. Stanton	....	3	....	....	2	....	1	3	..	3	174	81	87	180	74	....	600
Norwich, Central	1840	P. C. Wright 02	Geo. A. Smith	5	5	....	....	8	2	....	3	..	3	669	180	344	464	237	....	7,600
" First	1800	H. E. Wise 97	F. D. Davis	3	....	....	....	8	1	....	5	..	11	256	55	154	225	....	3	53,000
" Mt. Calvary	1871	E. T. Curtis 06	Miss A. F. Scott	....	....	....	....	1	....	3	....	..	4	216	....	....	50	30	....	22,000
" Third	1845	C. L. Snow 04	H. H. Baldwin	9	1	....	....	....	3	....	1	6	....	126	29	75	100	57	1	3,500
Salem	1767		Ichabod Stoddard	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	5	7	....	....	....	9,250
Waterford, First	1710	Wm. Gussman ... 03	Park B. Smith	3	2	....	....	6	....	....	6	..	7	346	109	126	130	62	....	4,200
" 2d (P.O. Qua. H.)	1835	F. D. Luddington. 03	Mrs. L. Comstock	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	2	3	....	138	39	58	125	54	....	14,400
Totals..... Churches, 24	....	Pastors 16		58	44	4	1	44	21	6	47	..	11	4,093	?	?	2,693	?	33	5,500
																				230,825

FINANCIAL TABLES.

Churches in New London Association.	Home Expenses.		Benevolent Contributions.														Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.		
Bozrah	$1,932 00	$ 13 45	$ 11 14	$ 13 95	$ 20 21	$ 22 00	$ 28 00	$ 16 25	$ 4 64	$ 4 06	$ 6 19	.....	$ 25 00	$11 00	$ 152 44		$2,098 40
Chesterfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Colchester Borough	613 75	20 20	5 00	6 75	.....	.....	20 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	41 75		675 70
" Scott's Hill	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		50 00
East Haddam	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Fitchville	586 97	37 29	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	16 00		640 26
Lake's Pond	160 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		160 00
Lebanon	718 00	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00		733 00
Lyme, East	564 50	113 20	10 00	12 38	14 26	7 50	6 80	1 75	8 80	.....	.....	.....	9 50	.....	70 99		748 69
" North	532 00	26 75	12 00	13 00	12 00	15 00	13 00	4 00	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	8 88	80 38		639 13
" Old	451 00	15 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	.....	7 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	23 00		489 00
Montville, Union	1,076 51	56 35	12 00	10 00	10 00	16 53	18 00	20 25	5 00	10 00	.....	5 00	$ 30 00	14 68	16 17	167 53	1,300 39
New London, First	4,346 27	.....	303 14	61 79	69 49	54 33	49 23	123 87	41 20	.....	52 98	135 32	707 67	107 64	1,706 06		6,052 33
" Huntingt'n St	2,236 86	111 56	15 50	18 00	26 00	34 50	54 00	122 31	.....	8 00	8 00	67 13	246 10	46 75	648 29		2,996 71
" Montauk Ave.	2,301 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		2,301 00
" Shiloh	500 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		515 00
Niantic	887 25	118 12	7 38	4 50	17 42	10 00	15 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	.....	46 85	.....	120 15		1,125 52
Norwich, Central	5,377 18	123 40	210 00	100 00	116 89	89 10	82 87	121 28	20 00	25 00	60 00	181 00	191 37	407 25	1,604 76		7,105 29
" First	1,727 29	178 34	20 00	37 00	25 00	46 75	26 00	17 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	20 00	.....	45 00	250 01		2,155 64
" Mt. Calvary	1,000 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		1,025 00
" Third	1,325 00	19 21	5 00	.....	.....	31 25	11 39	29 50	.....	...	.....	10 00	37 01	.....	124 15		1,468 50
Salem	25 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 35		28 35
Waterford, First	2,000 00	80 00	7 00	18 25	.....	25 65	8 40	44 90	9 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00	20 00	154 20		2,234 20
" Second	846 08	80 00	10 00	6 00	5 00	8 40	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 00	14 00	100 80		1,026 88
Totals	$ 29,256 61	1,032 87	651 16	311 62	227 62	361 01	348 09	505 11	101 64	58 56	144 17	443 45	1,305 58	698 69	5,278 86		35,568 99

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Churches in Stonington Union Association.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.						Pres't Condition.			Sunday-school.			Value of Church Property free of Debt.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrol'd	Res. Mem. Men.	Res. Mem. Women.	Total Enrol'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
Groton, First	1705	H. B. Hutchins....02	Simeon Gallup..	16	....	....	....	3	..	..	8	5	..	207	35	60	151	59	15	$11,000
Groton Heights	1843	Geo. R. Atha.....06	J. F. Edgcomb ..	3	2	....	....	5	2	..	5	....	7	274	70	124	187	122	2	14,000
Jewett City	1840	E. W. Potter.....04	J. E. Phillips...	1	....	....	....	....	..	..	5	....	4	259	70	120	201	115	....	13,500
Laurel Glen	1894	.....	C. P. Holdredge.	....	....	....	....	1	..	..	..	....	1	31	9	10	*	.....	....	2,500
Ledyard	1843	N. B. Prindle.....03	James McKenzie	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	24	?	?	27	12	....	500
Mystic Union	1864	Welcome E. Bates04	J. O. Fish.....	2	3	....	....	....	..	..	14	....	9	562	158	283	326	175	2	20,000
Noank	1843	Elbert E. Gates ...00	W. A. Fraser....	....	1	....	....	1	2	..	9	....	11	534	?	?	225	100	....	12,000
No. Stonington, First	1741	H. V. Baker.....02	Elmer E. Coon...	....	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	2	64	?	?	40	21	....	2,500
" " Second	1765	.....	H. F. York.....	....	....	....	....	3	..	..	2	....	5	90	14	15	39	26	....	3,000
" " Third	1828	Lucian Drury 04	G. A. Thompson	5	7	....	....	4	..	..	2	6	..	160	?	?	71	35	5	5,000
Packerville	1828	H. T. Slocum.....06	C. E. Hopkins...	....	....	....	2	....	..	..	2	....	..	71	?	?	52	30	....	5,000
Plainfield Union	1792	John G. Stanton...03	W. Tillinghast..	5	2	....	....	4	22	1	6	....	26	158	?	?	121	60	....	9,000
Poquonnock Bridge	1856	O. G. Buddington ...	Daniel Morgan..	....	1	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	1	117	31	41	131	68	....	3,000
Preston City	1815	N. B. Prindle.....00	F. P. Kinney	58	....	1	....	1	2	..	3	53	..	209	75	92	150	70	55	9,000
Sterling	1813	.....	Samuel P. Green	....	....	....	....	3	..	..	....	....	3	75	12	23	45	30	....	4,300
Stonington, First	1775	.....	M. A. Pendleton.	3	....	....	....	10	20	..	7	....	34	325	76	133	160	92	3	31,000
" Third	1846	.....	Stiles H. F. Ross	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	21	?	?	20	10	....	2,500
Voluntown	1832	E. Dewhurst 83	G. P. Douglass..	....	..	....	....	2	....	..	2	....	4	127	?	?	40	25	....	6,500
Totals.....Churches, 18		Pastors.....12		93	16	1	2	39	48	1	67	....	43	3,308	?	?	1,986	1,050	82	$154,300

* Keep no report.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

Churches in Stonington Union Association.	Home Expenses.		Benevolent Contributions.													Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society	Ministerial Education	Minister's and Widow's Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.	
Groton, First	$1,002 00	$ 31 92	$ 12 00	$ 12 00	.....	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 63 00	$51 00	$148 00	$1,181 92
Groton Heights	1,716 97	207 33	32 00	8 75	$ 14 00	19 00	19 00	$ 5 00	$10 55	.....	.....	$ 17 00	47 86	26 48	199 64	2,123 94
Jewett City	2,342 44	130 38	34 49	22 64	70 03	47 62	58 00	116 40	.....	.....	.....	36 00	25 00	27 58	437 76	2,910 58
Laurel Glen	92 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	94 83
Ledyard	100 00	$ 40	7 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 55	112 95
Mystic Union	2,508 00	.....	100 00	82 35	108 06	67 00	53 00	15 00	76 23	31 63	.....	68 85	76 00	.....	678 12	3,186 12
Noank	2,705 00	.....	158 11	60 00	110 00	33 00	53 00	50 00	75 00	60 00	$37 27	55 00	224 50	.....	915 88	3,620 88
No. Stonington, First	401 32	13 00	15 00	7 00	16 00	3 00	.....	1 00	6 00	.....	3 50	.....	5 00	.....	56 50	470 82
" Second	179 40	18 35	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	5 75	203 50
" Third	659 27	29 89	10 00	5 00	8 00	3 00	.....	8 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	724 16
Packerville	436 50	13 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	80 05	8 05	.....	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	59 10	508 60
Plainfield, Union	1,618 85	32 00	31 00	32 00	32 28	62 57	60 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	54 90	277 75	1,928 60
Poquonnock Bridge	462 46	75 61	12 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	31 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	58 00	596 07
Preston City	727 00	28 00	21 75	.....	.....	6 09	5 09	39 00	6 80	.....	.....	.....	84 00	12 00	174 73	929 73
Sterling	452 00	15 00	30 63	8 00	8 00	7 25	6 75	.....	5 25	3 00	.....	.....	6 00	4 00	78 88	545 88
Stonington, First	2,410 71	169 90	62 60	45 67	67 00	25 00	46 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	281 52	2,862 13
" Third	204 31	3 60	.....	3 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3 00	2 00	.....	12 50	220 41
Voluntown	660 80	.....	3 00	4 20	5 00	.....	5 00	19 13	3 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	5 00	53 03	713 83
Totals	$ 18,679 86	775 38	543 13	300 61	450 07	293 58	321 64	285 03	187 83	100 63	47 77	179 85	542 86	228 71	3,481 66	22,934 95

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Pastors.	Increase.				Decrease.						Pres't Condition.				Sunday-school.			Value of Church Property free of Debt.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.	Res. Mem. Men.	Res. Mem. Women.	Preparing for Ministry.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
Ashford,	Churches, 16	Pastors, 15	80	34	5	....	55	5	....	38	21	....	1,879	?	?	?	1,498	799	59	$138,800
Fairfield,	" 26	" 22	213	102	42	4	63	33	9	61	195	....	3,896	?	?	?	2,987	?	60	396,900
Hartford,	" 30	" 26	271	146	45	11	120	10	13	63	267	....	5,593	?	?	?	3,833	2,083	143	517,300
New Haven,	" 37	" 31	391	154	66	13	219	109	19	141	136	....	5,430	?	?	?	6,418	?	167	640,625
New London,	" 24	" 16	58	44	4	1	44	21	6	47	....	11	4,093	?	?	?	2,693	?	33	230,825
Stonington Union,	" 18	" 12	93	16	1	2	39	48	1	67	....	43	3,308	?	?	?	1,986	1,050	82	154,300
Totals,	Churches, 151	Pastors, 122	1106	496	163	31	540	226	48	417	565	....	27,109	?	?	?	19,415	?	544	$2,078,750

FINANCIAL TABLES — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Home Expenses.		Benevolent Contributions.													Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Missionary Societies.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.	
Ashford,	$ 13,263 31	762 15	233 22	190 78	335 78	290 17	325 54	463 92	46 22	40 46	32 51	63 04	194 38	160 19	2,381 24	15,406 68
Fairfield,	41,763 57	2,429 67	907 22	1,727 14	1,868 26	600 66	526 35	498 27	90 96	168 65	531 53	1,202 95	1,400 86	391 59	9,903 25	54,096 49
Hartford,	59,284 72	3,204 95	1,229 65	1,460 88	2,332 07	885 69	840 23	495 01	185 33	295 22	134 34	951 76	2,652 01	602 48	12,070 17	74,555 84
New Haven,	72,183 17	3,827 70	1,495 05	1,737 27	2,063 08	981 80	996 53	994 16	156 53	553 15	248 51	1,809 54	3,577 98	999 33	15,545 18	91,556 05
New London,	29,256 61	1,032 87	651 16	311 62	227 62	361 01	348 09	505 11	101 64	58 56	144 17	443 45	1,305 58	698 69	5,278 86	35,568 99
Stonington Union,	18,679 86	775 38	543 13	300 61	450 07	293 58	321 64	385 03	187 83	100 63	47 77	179 85	542 86	228 71	3,481 66	22,934 95
Totals,	$ 234,431 24	12,032 72	5,059 43	5,728 80	7,276 88	3,412 91	3,358 38	3,241 50	758 51	1,216 67	1,138 83	4,650 59	9,673 67	3,080 99	48,666 36	294,119 00

SUMMARY FOR 1879-1906.

Totals by Years.	CHURCHES.								HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.																	
			ADDED BY			REMOV'DBY			CONTRIBUTIONS FOR																	
	Pastors.	No. of Churches.	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience. Restoration	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Total Membership	Home Expenses.	Education Society.	State Convention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' F'd and Ministers' Home.	Womans' Home Missionary Society.	Amounts Consol. until 1885.	Womans' Foreign Missionary Society.	Bible and Publication Society.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence	Average per Member.	Total for all Objects.
1879	119	589	356	53	42	357	127	85	290	20,767	$109,773	08	$658	02	$2,809	46	$2,468	05	$2,787	11	$106	10			$3,230	27	$727	04	$5,774	71	$20,348	96	$ 95	$143,447	17
1880	119	351	332	28	15	343	115	121	279	20,618	105,265	84	920	13	5,268	16	3,793	60	5,209	29	262	23			3,108	21	1,425	10	13,416	31	33,383	44	1	67	138,649	28
1881	120	588	311	55	20	373	127	76	287	20,830	149,232	00	677	81	2,474	26	3,793	02	4,000	11	277	59			3,278	39	1,197	96	6,141	64	21,539	74	1	01	170,435	26
1882	121	567	422	41	33	378	134	65	336	20,810	134,340	54	970	41	4,883	58	5,187	60	5,004	58	75	64			3,358	60	568	87	8,357	11	27,245	28	1	29	161,466	82
1883	121	803	419	81	27	446	82	80	289	20,843	146,572	65	667	70	3,831	18	4,092	09	4,235	76	166	81			3,933	70	736	60	11,107	86	28,521	64	1	37	173,968	04
1884	125	769	384	71	25	444	255	60	270	21,558	147,619	43	747	44	5,096	70	4,537	39	3,881	26	299	08			5,103	31	1,490	07	8,138	50	29,385	77	1	36½	176,041	79
1885	126	743	367	70	30	382	104	78	354	21,755	101,063	19	586	04	2,845	32	4,380	95	3,541	56	346	08	$2,836	12	3,896	40	1,154	52	6,669	99	28,194	64	1	31½	155,454	81
1886	126	594	404	75	28	435	206	99	279	21,686	144,528	24	657	34	2,217	87	4,104	19	4,115	67	574	13	2,671	45	4,141	03	1,121	19	6,898	95	26,457	33	1	17	174,890	38
1887	97	128	799	433	87	25	509	227	94	312	20,950	148,664	47	897	44	2,809	83	4,195	18	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,505	00	1,192	30	12,987	92	33,027	90	1	50½	181,092	37
1888	103	130	747	453	75	28	473	115	92	299	21,907	158,808	86	1,014	58	3,691	39	5,424	95	4,127	71	552	19	3,439	91	3,232	72	892	01	11,767	22	33,885	01	1	54	207,901	65
1889	103	126	615	442	98	49	437	224	72	296	22,086	172,276	82	1,002	02	3,443	51	4,317	17	4,143	68	545	59	3,168	14	3,280	46	853	95	17,004	84	37,784	41	1	72	210,035	21
1890	102	130	759	755	107	61	726	150	37	308	22,230	196,530	15	1,464	57	3,583	41	3,897	71	2,948	14	643	17	2,638	57	3,180	10	911	00	19,773	65	27,188	78	1	67	235,247	08
1891	108	133	865	623	146	67	536	249	79	351	22,775	183,982	22	1,265	89	4,011	45	2,114	55	4,771	32	359	90	3,172	55	3,167	08	804	32	19,881	46	39,548	52	1	74	223,761	81
1892	105	136	913	588	96	42	511	396	66	478	23,077	190,151	93	1,427	07	4,292	18	3,277	93	7,049	55	432	66	3,648	38	3,186	51	645	45	33,282	75	55,798	48	2	41	245,944	91
1893	110	137	900	505	108	29	504	301	121	342	23,158	199,822	15	1,104	05	3,730	37	4,005	34	10,662	75	867	61	4,131	83	5,320	75	945	48	19,387	19	50,163	07	2	16½	250,603	76
1894	113	137	1,321	587	133	135	537	194	44	321	24,154	221,360	87	1,509	40	4,710	30	4,819	32	4,665	08	560	80	3,671	47	3,417	89	947	10	21,545	17	44,840	51	1	85½	266,884	77
1895	114	140	982	568	154	68	505	278	80	397	24,386	240,629	91	1,668	42	2,616	85	4,610	18	5,634	24	630	28	4,199	38	3,601	47	630	28	29,715	29	54,306	37	2	22¼	294,836	28
1896	115	139	1,255	570	141	41	527	259	98	397	24,922	214,317	93	1,325	84	3,661	51	3,470	34	5,113	80	551	97	3,586	35	4,032	12	950	62	31,047	67	53,458	26	2	13½	262,483	82
1897	118	140	954	487	84	28	215	385	105	327	25,243	215,566	15	1,638	00	5,437	39	5,480	75	7,206	25	616	24	3,118	56	3,481	85	742	91	26,973	25	57,358	13	2	27½	271,759	11
1898	118	140	641	460	89	24	441	363	73	358	25,191	217,302	47	1,221	17	3,775	52	4,219	54	8,272	87	652	62	7,963	07	3,422	24	707	92	23,265	80	53,348	47	2	11¾	272,082	41
1899	118	141	489	431	100	65	417	393	67	400	25,147	206,237	04	1,450	12	4,000	41	4,422	72	6,120	31	951	93	3,395	98	3,399	53	788	98	15,969	26	40,466	03	1	60¾	247,310	99
1900	120	142	743	512	80	53	475	452	133	372	25,111	217,351	73	1,144	17	4,080	14	4,514	74	6,119	84	1215	70	3,152	42	3,346	58	672	83	18,455	35	42,463	24	1	69	268,989	03
1901	116	142	652	426	86	25	447	230	115	367	25,387	213,070	01	1,251	25	5,508	98	3,872	99	6,952	08	708	17	3,355	49	3,594	58	597	19	20,907	67	45,725	52	1	80	261,536	17
1902	115	144	741	478	162	32	497	568	97	329	25,161	219,426	63	911	23	4,899	29	3,724	42	5,991	68	1021	92	3,749	63	3,275	18	923	75	19,456	71	44,011	29	1	74	263,920	24
1903	120	145	689	505	108	16	460	151	93	336	25,343	236,942	75	1,003	17	4,476	19	4,420	18	6,080	07	838	41	3,327	60	3,868	53	789	70	7,698	00	43,111	21	1	70	279,990	09
1904	120	146	900	482	184	32	499	264	51	378	25,548	232,467	11	888	96	4,547	01	3,794	12	6,335	12	890	31	3,159	31	3,175	71	722	21	12,363	42	46,630	83	1	82	279,117	41
1905	120	140	1,137	514	138	37	562	172	43	350	26,481	242,357	82	830	75	5,256	56	4,619	34	6,698	09	924	12	3,597	45	3,639	89	671	11	19,566	20	45,282	01	1	71	293,403	90
1906	122	151	1,106	494	116	31	540	226	48	417	27,109	246,463	96	1,216	67	5,059	43	5,728	80	7,276	88	1138	83	3,412	91	3,358	38	758	51	20,646	75	48,666	36	1	79½	294,119	00

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford, in October, 1823. No annual sermon was provided for until the session of 1826. For the data previous to 1840 see former minutes.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1840	Essex	George Reed	William Reid	F. Wightman	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford	D. Ives	J. S. Eaton	R. Babcock	John 4:35-38.
1842	Middletown	D. Ives	J. S. Eaton	T. C. Teasdale	
1843	Norwich	D. Ives	E. Cushman	J. Dowling	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven	A. Parker	E. Savage	D. Ives	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London	J. S. Swan	E. Savage	A. Parker	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford	J. S. Swan	E. Cushman	A. G. Palmer	Isa. 62: 1.
1847	Deep River	R. Turnbull	E. Cushman	J. S. Swan	Num. 14: 8.
1848	Suffield	D. Ives	E. Cushman	E. Cushman	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol	H. Miller	E. Cushman	E. T. Hiscock	Heb. 6: 10.
1850	Danbury	S. D. Phelps	E. Cushman	R. Turnbull	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington	E. T. Hiscock	E. Cushman	C. Willett	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven	J. S. Swan	E. Cushman	J. N. Murdock	Luke 24: 24.
1853	Norwich	William Reid	E. Cushman	S. D. Phelps	Isa. 60: 3.
1854	Hartford	J. N. Murdock	E. Cushman	H. Miller	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855	Meriden	L. Lewis	E. Cushman	J. L. Hodge	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown	W. S. Clapp	E. Cushman	W. Reid	Acts 1: 8.
1857	New London	C. Willett	E. Cushman	A. D. Denison	Phil. 2: 15.
1858	Southington	F. Denison	E. Cushman	J. A. Bailey	Psalm 130: 4.
1859	Hartford	S. D. Phelps	E. Cushman	W. Fitz	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven	P. G. Wightman	E. Cushman	J. P. Brown	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich	D. Ives	E. Cushman	D. H. Miller	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford	J. P. Brown	E. Cushman	D. Ives	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863	Willimantic	C. S. Weaver	E. Cushman	C. B. Crane	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864	Essex	George Lovis	E. Cushman	G. M. Stone	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury	S. Graves	E. Cushman	S. D. Phelps	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866	Hartford	J. A. Bailey	E. Cushman	I. H. Gilbert	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867	Mystic River	C. B. Crane	E. Cushman	R. Turnbull	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven	A. C. Bronson	E. Cushman	E. Lathrop	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River	R. J. Adams	E. Cushman	B. S. Morse	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain	A. P. Buell	J. A. Bailey	H. G. Mason	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk	James L. Howard	J. A. Bailey	G. L. Hunt	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury	James L. Howard	J. A. Bailey	A. G. Palmer	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. J. Sage	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874	Putnam	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	C. E. Smith	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. C. Hubbard	
1876	Suffield	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. C. Hubbard	Zech. 4: 16.
1877	Norwich	A. G. Palmer	R. Turnbull	F. F. Emerson	Neh. 9. 6, 17.
1878	Meriden	E. Lathrop	T. A. T. Hanna	J. Davis	Matt. 16: 3
1879	Danbury	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	B. F. Bronson	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	J. M. Taylor	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	J. R. Stubbert	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia	W. S. Bronson	T. A. T. Hanna	G. H. Miner	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven	W. S. Bronson	T. A. T. Hanna	M. H. Pogson	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich	W. S. Bronson	Elizur Cook	O. C. Sargent	Luke 2: 32.
1885	Hartford	W. S. Bronson	Elizur Cook	J. V. Garton	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	C. W. Holman	Matt. 28: 20.
1887	New Britain	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	B. W. Lockhart	John 8: 37.
1888	Hartford	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	D. H. Taylor	1 John 4: 16.
1889	Putnam	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	P. G. Wightman	Isa. 54: 2.
1890	Middletown	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. R. Gow	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1891	New Haven	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	W. G. Fennell	Matt. 17: 20.
1892	Willimantic	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. S. James	Heb. 6: 5.
1893	Danbury	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	H. M. Thompson	Jonah 4: 10.
1894	Norwich	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. B. Lemon	Jonah 3: 2.
1895	Bridgeport	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. D. Herr, D.D.	Acts 10: 44.
1896	New London	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	J. H. Mason	Rom. 13: 8.
1897	Hartford	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	Wm. D. McKinney	Zech. 4: 6.
1898	Meriden	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	E. M. Poteat, D.D.	Phil. 3: 10, 11.
1899	Waterbury	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	Henry Clarke	John 18: 6.
1900	New Haven	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	F. G. McKeever	11 Cor. 2: 14.
1901	New Britain	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	F. J. Parry	Acts 1: 8.
1902	Hartford	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	Geo. H. Ferris	John 9: 30
1903	New Haven	Carnot O. Spencer	F. H. Divine	O. O. Fletcher, DD.	John 20: 21-22
1904	Norwich	Carnot O. Spencer	F. H. Divine	R. A. Ashworth	Matt. 28: 20
1905	Meriden	Carnot O Spencer	F. H. Divine	Harold Pattison	Deut. 32: 11-12
1906	So. Norwalk	H. M. Thompson	F. H. Divine	P. C. Wright	John 14: 12

BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER.

Ashford Association.

Towns.	Superintendent.	Secretary.
Andover	Rev. E. Hatfield	Mrs. R. A. Phillips.
Brooklyn	Wm. Ingalls	Miss Viola Sweet.
Danielson	Lester B. Arnold	Albert Vachon.
Eastford	Henry B. Buell	Ida J. Buell.
East Killingly	Edgar Chase	
Mansfield	W. P. Wildes	Miss Mable Slate.
Putnam	Clarence Pierce	Florence E. Stubbert.
Stafford	Herbt. C. Thresher	H. F. Haltham.
Thompson, Central	C. J. Aredun	Edward Brown.
" East	Mrs. Frank Carlton	Jennie Johnson.
Warrenville	Z. B. Bicknell	Ethel M. Durkee.
Westford	A. G. Barlow	
Willimantic	James G. Robinson	Edward Wyatt.
Willington Hill	Mable E. Clark	Alice V. Cosgrove.
" South	Walter A. Allen	Franklin Gurley.
Woodstock, South	Albert Williams	Nellie J. Burleson.
" West	Mrs. F. L. Corbin	Lester Rockwell.

Fairfield Association.

Banksville	R. A. Ingersoll	John Bennett.
Bridgeport, E. End	Rev. B. D. Remington	Eunice A. Schoenfeldt.
Bridgeport, First	W. J. Platt	Arthur S. Keith.
" N.W.Chapel	Rev. G. C. Sauer	
" German	John Reif	Wm. Reif.
" Immanuel	S. T. Velie	S. Hudson.
" Messiah	Fred A. Stevens	
" Second	John W. Barnes	Hubert Shaw.
" Swedish	Gust Thelin	Paul Vinell.
Danbury, New Hope	H. D. Kearney	A. F. Jones.
" Second	Leroy Andrews	W. R. Mortimer.
Easton	Willard Gillette	C. B. Andrews.
Greenwich	D. F. Spears	
New Milford	W. C. Hine	Miss Millie Kinney.
Norwalk, First	Charles Yost	Fanton Beers.
" Grace	C. D. Lloyd	
Rowayton	A. B. Cleverly	Herbert Default.

Towns.	Superintendent.	Secretary.
South Norwalk	Rev. H. B. Carpenter	Ernest Hopkins.
Stamford, First	J. Walter Davis	A. J. Smith.
" Italian	Rev. V. diDomenica	Miss E. I. Youngs.
" Union	Rev. W. O. Harris	Josephine Davis.
Stepney	Chas. F. Nichols	N. Blanche Purdy.
Stratfield	H. B. Sturges	Geo. A. Sturges.
White Hills	Fred B. Drew	Hazel Worden.

Hartford Association.

Bloomfield	H. C. Higgins	Mrs. C. M. Kelly.
Bristol	Rev. Henry Clarke	H. Beals.
Canton	F. L. Bradley	Mrs. Robert Lane.
Colebrook, North	Mrs. A. Powell	S. J. Bartlett.
" South	Grove Demming	Sarah J. Brown.
Cornwall, East	Flora Johnson.	Warren A. Welch.
" Hollow	Nettie Palmer	E. H. Ocain.
Hartford, Asylum av.	M. B. Denison	W. J. Tuller.
" First	C. P. Gladding	E. B. Bliss.
" Memorial	R. F. Dow	W. O. Shelley.
" Olivet	Frank E. Newton	Arthur Carpenter.
" Shiloh	J. S. Taylor	Harriet Taylor.
" South	E. H. Morse	E. H. Crosby.
" Suffield St.,	L. A. Wiley,	Herbert Thompson.
" Swedish	M. Nelson	E. Handen.
" Union	J. O. Taylor	Martha Taylor.
New Britain, First	E. M. Wightman	H. W. Eddy.
" German	A. F. Eichstaedt	Emil Steinberg.
" Swedish	Andrew Lundberg	N. P. Bergman.
Plainville	Frank A. Hart	Jessie M. Goodrich.
Rockville	Joseph E. Chatham	Anderson Oliver.
South Windsor	George S. Bragg	Mary Jennings.
Suffield, Second	F. B. Hatheway	Nellie M. Lipps.
Tariffville	J. L. Dewey	Wm. S. Holmes.
Torrington	Geo. W. Bennett	Gladys W. Rogers.
West Hartford	B. M. DesJardins	W. L. Chamberlain.
Wethersfield	Frank Jones	Mrs. H. M. Babcock.
Winsted	Ralph A. Sanford	Mrs. M. C. Barber.

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First	Chapel Carter	Anna L. Davidson.
" Macedonia	Thomas Coleman	Smith Burbridge.
Branford	Sherman Goddard	Clarence Boynton.
Cheshire	Harry Beers	Carrie Cook.

Towns.	Superintendent.	Secretary.
Chester	J. R. Ferguson	Theo. Foster.
Clinton	L. S. Whitman	Wm. H. Kelsey, 2d.
Cromwell	E. T. Johnson	Miss H. A. Stevens.
Deep River	M. W. Curtis	John Gilbert.
Essex	Geo. W. Comstock	Mrs. L. Behrens.
Meriden, First	F. L. Huntington	Burton R. Miller.
" Olive Branch	A. J. Wright	
" Park Ave.		
" German	John Schuster	Emil A. Gunther.
" Main Street	I. I. Gardner	Horace W. Kingsley.
" Swedish	Carl Lidin	Burth Bolinden.
Middletown	E. B. Fall	G. L. Hayes.
Milford	A R. B. Taylor	Frank Wallace.
Montowese	A. S. Barnes	Mary E. Foote.
Naugatuck	Rev. C. C. Smith	Nellie Killer.
New Haven, Calvary	Charles T. Lincoln	H. W. Lincoln.
" First	Thos. D. Jenkins	Virgil Churchill.
" German	Wm. Schussler	Ad. Lembach.
" Grand Ave.	Geo. I. Sturges	E. C. Zuber.
" Howard Ave.	Wm. H. Fiske	Richard Jones.
" Immanuel	George Saulsbury	Florence A. Morse.
" Olivet	C. M. Parker	Ralph Eno.
" Swedish	Rev. O. C. Wieden	Inez Fredrickson.
Plantsville	Walter Pratt	Ada S. Frisbie.
Saybrook	Rev. J. H. Messenger	Chas. A. Post.
Shelton	E. N. Barrett	John Godkin.
Southington	M. H. Holcomb	Norman A. Barnes.
Wallingford	Arthur F. Pierce	M. J. Allderige.
Waterbury, First	Wm. Dixon	Chas. Littlehales.
" Grace	N. Conner	Hattie Johnson.
" Second	R. G. Snagg	Mrs. W. F. Bronneke.
" Swedish	Chas. Edquist	Hanna Odell.
Yalesville	Edwin S. May	Clifford Lombra.

New London Association.

Bozrah	Chas. Ellis	Edith Leffingwell.
Colchester		E. R. Sherman, Jr.
Fitchville	Arthur B. Chapman	Mrs. J. A. Phillips.
Lebanon	Orville Gurley	C. S. Briggs.
Lyme, East	Rev. C. M. Reed	Mrs. F. E. Newton.
" North	W. M. Sisson, Jr.	Carlton F. Jewett.
" Old	E. D. Caulkins	Bertha M. Luther.
Montville	Miss Elsie Lamphere	Miss M. M. Turner.
New London, First	Chas. B. Green	F. R. Johnson.

Towns.	Superintendent.	Secretary.
" Huntington St.	Walter M. Slocum .	Miss Abbie Thomas.
" Montauk Ave. .	Edward S. Doten .	Harry N. Graves.
" Shiloh . .	Walter Scott . .	Rosa Geffry.
Niantic . . .	James P. Clark .	Medie Luce.
Norwich, Central .	S. B. Palmer . .	R. R. Wilcox.
" First . .	W. M. Cowan .	Mrs. H. R. Sargent.
" Mt. Calvary	P. T. Young . .	
" Third . .	L. B. Eccleston .	John R. Lewis.
Waterford, First .	C. H. Peabody .	Louis Perkins.
" Second .	Charles Bitters .	Nellie J. Starr.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton, First . .	Simeon Gallup .	Clara Burnet
" Heights .	Walter J. Starr .	I. H. Poppe.
Jewett City . .	John Armstrong .	Jas. B. Palmer, Jr.
Laurel Glen . .	(No Report.)	Maybel E. Bill.
Ledyard . . .	Rev. N. B. Prindle	James McKenzie.
Mystic Union . .	Wm. H. Smith .	Robert H. Murphey.
Noank . . .	Dea. Robt. Palmer	Irma G. Doughty.
No. Stonington, First	Elmer E. Coon .	Sarah T. Palmer.
" Second	Elmer Brown .	Ella J. Wheeler.
" Third	W. H. Hillard .	Mrs. W. H. Hillard.
Packerville . .	Calvin York . .	Mary Hopkins.
Plainfield Union .	E. E. Salisbury .	W. C. C. Hill.
Poquonnock Bridge	Cyrus Avery . .	Frances A. Wells.
Preston City . .	Chas. Zabriskie .	Sarah Starkweather.
Sterling . . .	E. E. Freeman .	Annie Spaulding.
Stonington, First .	Wm. G. King . .	Mrs. Mabel Tillinghast.
" Third .	B. F. Ross, Jr. .	M. E. Essridge.
Voluntown . .	Rev. E. Dewhurst .	Julia Fish.

REGISTER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Ashford Association.

Church.	Society.	President.	Secretary.	Total Members.
Brooklyn,	B. Y. P. U.	Theo. D. Pond	Hannah Hall	22
Danielson	B. Y. P. U.	Henry W. Chapin	Lillian Bailey	37
Eastford,	Y. P. S. C. E.	H. B. Buell	Ethel Carpenter	22
Mansfield,	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. D. Palmer	Minnie C. Wildes	25
Putnam,	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. Fred Flagg	Jere Emery	52
Stafford,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. Annie Black	Oscar Colburn	16
Thompson, Central,	B. Y. P. U.	Ethel Aredun	Calvin Ballard	58
Willimantic,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Julia Chism	Georgianna Flint	36
Willington, Hill,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. C. Wolfe	Mabel Clark	20
Willington, South,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Walter Allen	Leon Woodworth	35
Woodstock, South	Y. P. D.	A. H. Williams	Edith Williams	

Fairfield Association.

Banksville,	B. Y. P. U.	W. A. Alley	R. A. Ingersoll	23
Bridgeport, First,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Theo. Phillips	Evelyn Banks	65
" German,	B. Y. P. U.	Rev. C. A. Gruhn	Ida Springer	
" Immanuel,	B. Y. P. U.	Miss A. Pike	Miss M. Lounsbury	26
" Second,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Walter Redfield	Miss Scoville	43
" Swede,		Wm. Undin	Agnes Swanson	36
Danbury, New Hope	Y. P. S. C. E.	Sarah D. Riley	W. A. Brown	20
" Second,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Ward Rogers	Isabelle Rogers	
Easton,		Lora Clark	C. B. Andrews	37
Greenwich,	B. Y. P. U.			
New Milford,	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. H. Baldwin	Elizabeth Baldwin	29
Rowayton,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Kate Crockett	Mrs. Ida Sherer	52
South Norwalk,	B. Y. P. U.	Elsie Decker	Edith Brotherton	45
Stamford, First,	B. Y. P. U.	Walton Studwell	Lillian Richardson	28
" Union,	B. Y. P. U.	Rev. W. O. Harris	Josephine Davis	86
Stratford, Pilgrim,		M. T. Taylor	Miss Hayes	
White Hills,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Fannie H. Bickford	Bessie Sharpe	14

Hartford Association.

Bristol,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Frank Merrill	Mary Ball	87
Canton,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. A. L. Case	Horace A. Case	24
East Cornwall,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Eugene Richards	Ruth E. Whitcomb	18
Hartford, Asylum Av.	Y. P. A.	A. J. R. Schumaker	Fannie Demire	36
" First,	Y. P. A.	Geo. B. Davis	Harold Chapman	
" Memorial	Y. P. S. C. E.	W. N. Stevens	Myrtle Fallow	78
" Olivet	Y. P. S. C. E.	H. W. Newton	Emma Snider	28
" Shiloh,	B. Y. P. U.	Esther Baylor	Lora Harder	55
" South,	Y. P. S. C. E.	L. H. Boyd		36
" Suffield St.	Y. P. S. C. E.	E. C. Fowler	Mrs. E. C. Fowler	
" Swede,	B. Y. P. U.	G. A. Johnson	E. Handen	35
" Union,	B. Y. P. U.	Simon Phillips		

Church.	Society.	President.	Secretary.	Total Members.
New Britain, First,	Y. P. S. C. E...	R. B. Moore.....	Corrine French.....	
" German,	B. Y. P. U.....	A. F. Eichstaedt....	E. Steinberg.....	42
" Swede,	B. Y. P. U.....	Joel Nilson.....	Caroline Hanson.....	20
Plainville, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	N. H. Smith.....	Marjory Strong.....	28
Rockville, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Louis B. Denby....	Mary E. Adams.....	91
South Windsor, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Mrs. J. M. Lent....	Harriet Stiles.....	26
Suffield, Second, ..	Y. P. S. C. E...	Mary Farnham.....	Minnie A. Wilson....	51
" Third, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	James Jones.....	Phillis Morgan.....	33
Torrington, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Mrs. G. W. Bennett.	Mrs. Walter Hull....	26
West Hartford, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Sadie Pettus.....	Agnes Merriam.....	25
Winsted, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Wm. E. Remington.	Charlotte Brown.....	42

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Howard Steeves.....	Anna L. Davidson....	61
" Macedonia,		John Lewis.....	Annie M. Golden.....	
Branford, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Mrs. B. Lounsbury..	Eleanor Haven.....	33
Chester, ...	B. Y. P. U. of C. E.	S. E. Ackley.....	Clara Wooster.....	35
Cromwell	B. Y. P. U.....	Mrs. H. Lorentz....	Ada S. Johnson.....	16
Deep River, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Fred W. Chandler..	Irene Gilbert.....	52
Essex, ...		Mrs. W. C. Bull....	Maude Staples.....	29
Meriden, First, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Geo. P. Barker.....	Alice Miller.....	60
" German, .		Emil A. Gunther....	Gertie Schwink.....	28
" Main St.	Y. P. S. C. E...	F. L. Theime.....	Nellie Burr.....	41
" Swede, ...		Rev. Rob't. Larson..	Frida Carlson.....	43
Middletown, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Fred S. Peck.....	Daisy Miller.....	80
New Haven, Calvary,	Y. P. S. C. E...	Edward F. Webster.	Carl H. Bayard.....	80
" First, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	A. S. Dibble.....	Lulu Churchill.....	85
" German, ..	B. Y. P. U.....	Chas. Hoffmann.....	Nellie Koenig.....	45
" Grand Ave.	Y. P. S. C. E...	D. M. Hatfield.....		77
" Howard Av.	Y. P. S. C. E...	Richard Jones.....	Mabel Clarkson.....	58
" Olivet, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Ralph J. Eno.....	Gertrude Hickman....	34
" Swede, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Rev. O. C. Wieden..	Gerda Johnson.....	30
Plantsville, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Anthony A. Boyce..	Mrs. C. M. Hutton...	25
Shelton, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	S. D. Reynolds.....	Mrs. H. D. Davidson.	31
Wallingford, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	F. B. Hall.....	Rena E. Barber.....	48
Waterbury, First, ..	Y. P. S. C. E...	Arthur Beal.....	Mabel Shelley.....	166
" Grace, ..	B. Y. P. U.....	R. A. McKinney....	John Butts.....	15
" Second,	Y. P. S. C. E...	Gertrude L. Snagg..	Ruth Mitchell.....	34
" Swede,	B. Y. P. U.....	Rev. A. O. Laurence		34
Yalesville, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Harry Peck.....	Clara F. Kendrick....	28

New London Association.

Colchester, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Evelyn R. Strong ..	Mable Allen	32
Fitchville, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Mary Barber.....	A. B. Chapman.....	
Lebanon, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	L. A. Boothby.....		
Lyme, North, ...	Y. P. S. C. E...	Della E. Stark.....	Nathan S. Strong....	24
Montville, ...	B. U. of C. E...	Jennie Wood.....	Abbie Sanderson	48
New London, First,	Y. P. S. C. E...	C. L. Avery.....	Annie L. Merriam...	110
" Huntington St.	"	Peter Fournier.....	R. W. Chandler.....	74
" Montauk Ave.	"	Edna Morgan.....	Mrs. F. Nicholas.....	25
Niantic, ...	B. Y. P. U.....	Lila Beebe.....	Grace Clark.....	41

Church.	Society.	President.	Secretary.	Total Members.
Norwich, Central,	B. Y. P. U.	N. E. Smith	Helen Hamilton	150
" First,	B. Y. P. U.	Althea Maples	Mrs. W. Gilchrist	
" Third,	B. Y. P. U.	Nellie Frink	Lillian Austin	49
Waterford, First	Y. P. S. C. E.	Walter I. Barrett	Clara Edwards	56
Waterford, Second,	Y. P. C. U.	Harold M. Brown	Barbara Cornet	

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Heights,	B. Y. P. U.	Lucy A. Landphere	Ida Towson	40
Jewett City,	Y. P. S. C. E.	Jas. Bicknell	Byron Willcox	68
Mystic Union,	Y. P. S.	Frank Packer	Bessie W. Heart	60
Noank,	Y. P. S.	W. I. Spicer	Florence Wilcox	170
N. Stonington, First,	B. Y. P. U.	C. E. Main	Mary J. Chapman	11
" Third,	B. Y. P. U.	Rev. L. Drury	Mrs. W. H. Hillard	24
Plainfield Union,	B. Y. P. U.	W. C. C. Hill	Evelyn Salisbury	
Poquonnock Bridge,	B. Y. P. U.	Wm. Bosworth	Chas. B. Palmer	55
Preston City,	B. Y. P. U.	Chas. Zabriskie	Ruth Burdick	20
Stonington, First,	Y. P. S.	Fred Butterfield	Laura Cook	20
Voluntown,	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. H. R. Dewhurst	Bertha Lewis	15

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. Helen R. Dewhurst, Voluntown, *Vice-President.*

Miss Mary L. Howard, Hartford, *Assistant Vice-President.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	DIRECTORS.
Ashford,	Mrs. Annie A. Preston, Wilmington.
Junior,	Miss Marion Storrs, Mansfield.
Stonington Union,	Mrs. Sarah F. Brown, Jewett City.
Junior,	Miss Grace Spaulding, Moosup.
New London,	Mrs. T. A. Perkins, Norwich.
Hartford,	Mrs. E. J. Gordon, Hartford.
Junior,	Miss Lena Burwell, Hartford.
New Haven,	Miss M. McWhinnie, Waterbury.
Fairfield,	Mrs. M. W. Silliman, Norwalk.
Junior,	Mrs. Harry E. Olcott, Bridgeport.

The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society was held in connection with the State Convention at the South Norwalk Baptist Church, Wednesday, October 17, from 1:30 to 2:30 P. M. The Vice-President, Mrs. H. R. Dewhurst, presided, and the meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Mrs. S. G. Hastings of Hartford read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

Miss Jencks of Hartford read the annual report for Miss Mary L. Howard, who was unable to be present.

The report showed encouraging work done during the year. Vacancies have been filled and the work is progressing, but there is need of a higher standard in giving.

A resume of the work of the various associations was given by Mrs. Dewhurst.

A Message was read from Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, who felt obliged to respond to an invitation to be present at the Indian Conference at Lake Mohonk. "I hope the women of Connecticut will be loyal to the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society," was the keynote of her message.

As a substitute for Mrs. Reynolds, Miss E. G. Gowan, who has been a worker for seven years in Cuba, Porto Rico and Mexico, gave an account of mission work in Santiago with its difficulties and opportunities. The growth of the work during the past six years was shown to be encouraging but "the only hope for Cuba is Evangelization."

The meeting closed with the singing of the hymn, "True Hearted, Whole Hearted."

MRS. FRANK A. ROATH,

Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

At the opening of the missionary year last April your Vice-President had reason to be cheered and encouraged by the cordiality and confidence expressed by word and deed. She would convey to you now her grateful acknowledgements, and assure you that every loving thought which finds expression is treasured with real appreciation. The true test of love is loyalty, and we find that the work of the Connecticut Branch during the past year shows that this virtue is not lacking.

More than in other years have Secretaries furnished the much needed statistics by which we may judge of our progress and plan with hope for the future. We have often urged that the interest should be continuous and maintenance provided as much as possible in quarterly payments. At this time we note with pleasure that our smallest and most scattered Association shows an average of three payments a year in all but four of her fourteen contributing Churches and while the other Associations give evidence of continuous remembrance, the

palm is still carried by the little Ashford, whose Director having home cares that prevent other than "pen service" proudly declares. "Of those who are strong hearted and true hearted there are many scattered among our small Churches whose zeal in carrying forward the work makes the heart glow with gratitude." Two of her Churches increased their gifts twenty-five per cent., while one gained fifty per cent. A legacy, from a Brooklyn member, of one hundred dollars enables us to count a gain of one hundred and fifty dollars for the whole Association. A like increase is recorded for New London Association, with much regularity shown in meetings held for prayer and study, occasional visiting between neighboring circles with consequent sharing of plans, pleasure and purposes. One of these circles with exemplary zeal has placed 69 Home Mission Echoes in sixty-nine homes though the circle counts but thirteen members. This should insure a larger interest for the new year.

In New Haven Association four Churches are distinguished for the frequency and regularity of their gifts, four others increased from twenty-five to fifty per cent., so that we may claim an advance for the whole Association of $200.00 over the previous year.

Fairfield and Stonington Union have done faithful work and are hopeful of a deeper and more widespread interest this year.

A gain of $67.00 is reported in Hartford Association where Suffield Second is easily the banner circle and Sunday School. The success of the work in the State is largely due to the earnest, painstaking attention given by the directors, whose service is mostly by correspondence. We are grateful to be able to report for the State an advance of $400 00. While this is gratifying we are urged to do better. We wish to add $600 to our $4,400, so that we may come up with $5,000 by next April 1st.

The conditions in our Indian and Alaskan work call for greater effort to keep up with imperative demands, the work grows, and is dependent upon those who established it for continuance, that we may not have wasted what we have already invested. We look for returns not in money but in lives redeemed, saved now and hereafter.

Our Society asks for special gifts of five dollars to insure the prosecution of the Indian and of the Alaskan work. A "Co-operative Insurance policy" has been issued with premiums of five dollars each, payable during the year whenever you say. Up to Sept. 1, thirty-eight of these extra gifts had come into our treasury, which accounts for the amount we find credited above what came into the treasury in the corresponding months of 1905. We earnestly desire that a large number of these policies may be taken during these fall months. As they are to meet a special need, they must be an extra

gift, consequently the earlier the effort is made the less likely will they be to interfere with the regular work of your circles, bands and Sunday Schools.

There comes from our Board a personal request to every Home Mission worker, which asks, "Will you make an effort to increase the circulation of "Home Mission Echoes" this year? There is no better way to secure an interest in missions than by placing this bright helpful paper in every home represented in your Church."

During the past three months our Board in Boston has considered the wisdom of supporting a foreign worker in Connecticut. Plans have been matured whereby we will assume the responsibility of an Italian Bible woman, who will be selected and placed by our State Convention, her salary to be furnished from the treasury of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. In making up our Circle funds let us remember this new care our Society has undertaken and gladly help to meet this added responsibility.

Our schools and stations call for continued material help. Supplying these needs will bring its own reward to ourselves personally as well as in speeding the work. So in these and many other ways the scope of our service enlarges and calls upon us to rejoice in each new opportunity, to pray more earnestly and comprehensively, and to help answer our prayers more faithfully, since we are called to be co-laborers together with God.

THE WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Fourteen years ago when I first took up the work in Connecticut, I found the Young People, including the Sunday Schools, giving $320.00 toward our work; this year, excluding the gifts of the Sunday Schools for Alaska, they have given almost $700.00 toward our work — more than double the amount. One needs sometimes to look back to find encouragement for the gain, year by year, is so slight. This year, however, has been characterized by a gain in every department. Ten more organizations are reported in the list in the Echoes than last year. These came from the five Young People's organizations, which Miss Spaulding has induced to give in the Stonington Union Association, and the five Bands who failed to report last year.

In money the gain was about $140, while in barrels for the schools, and Christmas gifts for the Two Gray Hills mission, many more Societies had a part than formerly. The interest of our Young

People in Mrs. Wright and her work for the Navajo Indians has been greatly augmented by the monthly letters from Mrs. Wright, which Miss Spaulding has so faithfully copied and sent to the Junior Directors and Circles of her Association. Mrs. J. A. Elder and Miss Inez Brown were forced to resign in the Fall, and for many months the positions have remained vacant. We are hoping that at last the right ones to fill the vacancies have been secured. The other officers remain the same.

The Banner Band of the State is the same as last year, the little Heavenward Band of Jewett City, with only fourteen members, all children of a country village. They have sent $71.25 toward our work, and spent about $35 in supplies and freight for barrels, etc., an average of $7.50 for each child. They are a banner society in another respect also, having sent their gifts in six different months, not all in March.

The Farther Lights of New London First stand next in giving, with the sum of $52, sent in half yearly installments. We are still far from our goal — $1,000.00 each year, but we are not discouraged, and hope still, that in time we shall reach it.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. HOWARD.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Connecticut.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

MRS. J. B. KENT, 36 CHURCH ST., PUTNAM, *Senior State Secretary.*

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

Ashford,	MRS. J. E. BURLESON, So. Woodstock.
Fairfield,	MRS. GEORGE GOULDEN, Bridgeport.
Hartford,	MRS. HENRY CLARKE, Bristol.
New Haven,	MISS F. L. TWISS, Meriden.
New London,	MRS. S. A. LESLIE, New London.
Stonington Union,	MISS HARRIET FISH, Mystic.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

MRS. F. W. PAYNE, 230 ASHLEY ST., HARTFORD, *Junior State Secretary.*

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

Ashford,	MISS HELEN CRANSKA, Thompson.
Fairfield,	MISS LAURA DOTY, 65 Osborne Ave., E. Norwalk.
Hartford,	MISS LULU SQUIRES, 167 Seymour St., Hartford.
New Haven,	MISS MARTHA POTTER, 723 Elm St., New Haven.
New London,	MISS ELIZABETH GERTON, 24 Granite St., New London.
Stonington Union,	MRS. C. H. WOLFE, P. O. Box 448, Mystic.

A large company of women assembled in the Baptist Church of South Norwalk, Conn., Tuesday, October 16, at 1:30 P. M. The State Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Kent of Putnam, in the chair. The hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," was sung. A Scripture selection was read by Mrs. H. M. Thompson of Hartford, and prayer offered by Mrs. Frank Allyn Roath of

Norwich. A brief historical paper entitled "A Remembrance," was read by Miss Fannie L. Twiss of Meriden. Mrs. F. W. Payne of Hartford, the Junior State Secretary, gave a helpful talk about the Literature of the Society at the headquarters in the Ford Building, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass. Mrs. Kent called attention to the fact that owing to the lack of time the Reports would not be read, but all were asked to read them, when printed in "The Minutes."

Miss Frances Tencate of Nellore, India, told of her work among the Telugus, and urged that five thousand dollars be raised in our State for a new building. She said, "The Bible Women of India are 'the telephones.'" It was a privilege to listen to her. Miss Ida Hutchinson of New York, sang, "Who are these which are arrayed in White Robes?" The collection amounted to $16.42.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. R. Stubbert of Putnam, Conn.

FANNIE L. TWISS,
Recording Secretary.

"A REMEMBRANCE."

From the summit of a mountain peak we may behold a vast expanse of country with its varied scenes of beauty. So this day, we may from the heights of three decades and a half, recall to mind the precious scenes that have marked this period. A little group of women met in *this Church* in August, 1871, in charge of Mrs. O. W. Gates, the wife of the pastor of the Baptist Church in Norwalk, about a mile north of this Church. Mrs. M. H. Bixby, who had been a missionary in Burma, gave a very interesting address. Mrs. Gates was appointed the State Secretary by the Board at Boston, and, through her influence six Associational Secretaries were secured. On the occasion of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting the writer presented a complete list of all who had served as Secretaries. Few changes have occurred in the past five years. Mrs. J. B. Kent of Putnam, Conn., our beloved Senior State

Secretary, is still "holding the ropes," and is assisted by the faithful, efficient Junior State Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Payne of Hartford, Conn.

Secretaries who have served during the past five years, are as follows:

Ashford Association — Senior, Mrs. J. E. Burleson; Junior, Miss Helen Cranska.

Fairfield Association — Senior, Mrs. George G. Goulden; Junior, Miss Laura A. Doty.

Hartford Association — Mrs. H. L. Strong, Mrs. J. A. Lester (acting); Mrs. Henry Clarke.

New Haven Association — Senior, Miss Fannie L. Twiss; Junior, Miss Martha J. Potter.

New London Association — Senior, Mrs. L. A. Lester; Junior, Miss Elizabeth Gorton.

Stonington Union Association — Senior, Miss Harriet Fish; Junior, Mrs. C. H. Wolfe.

Of our Missionaries, who went from our State, Miss I. Watson is still on the field in Burma, Mrs. Mela Barrows Bennett in Japan, and Miss Eva L. Rolman, Miss Ella C. Bond, at Tura, Assam, Mrs. R. A. Thompson in Japan, Miss Emily M. Hanna in Burma, and Mrs. Elizabeth V. Preston Loops in Assam, India. Truly, we all desire "advance all along the lines." Across "the River," a vast multitude have met with their Lord, many who through their efforts have been led to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. "If we sow bountifully, we shall reap bountifully."

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE L. TWISS,
Historian.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SENIOR SECRETARY.

There is a story in which the 365 divisions of the year figure as beings, who run around the world each in his turn, noting every event that transpires among men, and returning at the close of his allotted time to render an account to the Recorder who is cease-

lessly engaged in writing in a great book, all that is related to him. This quaint "Legend of Days" suggests the annual advent of your Secretaries, bringing information to you of the activities during the past year of Connecticut Baptist women in the interest of foreign missions, and the results therefrom.

The many white winged messengers which have passed between our women and the six devoted Associational Secretaries have borne tidings of an increase of four circles, making 81 in our 146 churches; of 50 subscriptions to the Helping Hand, making 910; and one life member, making five in all. There appears, I regret to tell you, a loss of about 200 in the number of contributing women and a little over $100.00 in the amount of contributions to the general fund. We gave only $26.00 to the Home for Missionaries' Children, $68.00 less than the previous year; to Hasseltine House $63.62 (an increase of $33.00) and only $12.00 went into the Building Fund account from Connecticut. But two legacies have come from our State, one of $100 00 from Brooklyn in Ashford Association, one of $25.00 from the Norwich Central church. We note with appreciation a gift of $25.00 from Rev. C. A. Piddock. The total amount of gifts exclusive of legacies was $4,503.52; that of the preceding year was $4,739.82. Three hundred and eighty-three circle meetings have occurred, an average of more than one every day and a more universal observance of the Day of Prayer is recorded.

Among the force who have directed this march of events there appears but one change — Mrs. E. W. Potter of Jewett City replaces Mrs. Bates of Mystic as President of the South Eastern Conference. The Associational Secretaries, without exception, express deepening interest and the dean of the number, Miss Twiss of the New Haven Association, as usual leads the list. From appearances, however, that position may be claimed by the Hartford Association which, under the guidance of Mrs. Henry Clarke of Bristol in this her first year of service, has made good advancement. The Sunday School work which was prosecuted under some disadvantages lost ground in every direction. This it is hoped may be regained this year. It remains a feature of the Senior department. The regular Conference gatherings and Associational hours have been observed, presenting various features of marked interest. At the South Eastern Conference in May last, Mrs. Levi Meech of Norwich presented a carefully prepared and valuable paper, enumerating the names of the twenty-seven persons who have entered the Baptist foreign mission service from Connecticut since 1834.

We are much disappointed in failing to secure our apportionment of $6,000.00 last year, but we do not want to think it is due to waning interest in our sisters across the seas. We recognize the claims of many worthy objects near at home, but we cannot believe

that the weekly gift of one 2-cent postage stamp or the value of one souvenir postal card is excessive and the aggregate would easily reach this same $6,000 00. Indeed, if every Baptist woman of our churches would give but one penny weekly and regularly a goodly sum would be realized. We are to try again for this result and to raise fifty cents per resident woman is our aim.

For especial work I am to present our Building Fund project. Mrs. Payne has shown you the certificates and described them; as individuals their use rests with you. Upon the list of buildings that of the Girls' High School at Nellore appears. I have thought that the Seniors of Connecticut may possibly be willing to assume this obligation of $500.00. To facilitate this 500 envelopes which will explain themselves will be distributed. I hope these may be returned filled to your several Associational Secretaries before February 1st.

In common with all our Baptist sisterhood we deplore the retirement from the Home Secretary's chair, of Mrs. Waterbury who for 17 years filled this position with such conspicuous ability. We are anxious lest the work suffer and the situation calls for renewed consecration and redoubled effort. As you doubtless know the previous year of our parent society closed without a debt although Connecticut failed to do the part alloted her.

For a closing sentiment, which I trust you will ponder during the year, I will give you the final message in Mrs. Waterbury's report read at Philadelphia last April. "While we rejoice over the success of the year, let us consider that it is not wholly due to the increase of giving on the part of all our circles. Some have come short, far short of their reasonable service. In the light of the great needs of which you will hear, our offerings seem very small. Let us move out this year into a larger place, to higher levels, and to a clearer understanding of God's thought."

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) HELEN MANNING KENT,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF JUNIOR SECRETARY.

The year has brought many encouraging signs which would lead us to hope for better results in the future. Some of our Associations responded liberally in many ways — there were others whose gifts seem far too small when compared with the privileges they enjoy. When Ashford Association reports a church of ninety-three members and sixty in the Sunday School sending $25.00 for our work,

surely other and stronger churches must feel obliged to give more in proportion. The Secretary writes a hopeful letter and promises much effort for the months to come.

New London Association, is a busy, working, helpful one, and after last year's splendid effort, when more than the apportionment was raised, we feel sure this year they will not fall behind. Stonington Union under the care of its ever interested Secretary is doing a good work. New Haven Association, with its many Juniors faithful to our mission work, and under the wise direction of those who have the cause so near and dear to their hearts, gave their usual large offering. This year with an earnest worker in charge of the Sunday School work we are anticipating great results.

Hartford Association, even with its faithful Secretary has lost some of its Young Ladies' Circles, which of course brings down our totals and causes anxiety regarding the Women's Circles of the future. We are thankful for the good work of the ones in existence and trust the others may soon be revived. Two contributing "King's Daughters' Circles" sent a fine Christmas box to the Children in the Home at Newton Centre. A Primary Class who for thirty years have had an annual "Jug Breaking" with a delightful time for the little ones, sent half their collection for Miss Watson's work in Papun, Burma. In Fairfield Association the Secretary wrote to every church, twenty or more, and *two* responded. Do you wonder we are almost discouraged! We sincerely hope the inspiration of this Convention of 1906 may so enthuse the church members that every one may become a worker and the cause of Missions be greatly helped. There are two special objects to work for this coming year. First, "The Building Fund." Each Association has been asked to try and raise a certain amount which is to go toward a building for Miss Huntoon's school in Hoahsing, China. Just think of owning property in China, and having our very own school to work for, pray for, and give for. We are hoping our "Farther Lights" and Young People will respond generously. Second, "The Cradle Rolls" are to have a missionary of their own, Dr. Anna Degenring in Nellore, India. Surely our darling babies will be glad to help the little ones in that far away land.

As we older grow and remember,

"That cloud of witnesses above
And love to think of all they see and know,"

Let us not forget:

"That great multitude in peril,
Who sadly wail below."

MARIELLA B. PAYNE,
Secretary.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

President — Rev. F. D. Elmer, Winsted.
Secretary — Rev. E. Sanderson, Montville.

The Conference was held in the Baptist Church, South Norwalk on Monday, October 15, 1906, beginning at 1:45 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. H. B. Hutchins of Old Mystic. A praise service was led by Rev. C. K. Flanders, Singing Evangelist of the Convention. Two hymns were sung, "Come, Thou Almighty King," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Scriptures were read and prayer offered by President Hutchins.

The report of changes in the ministry was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. Sanderson. The report may be summarized as follows:

Resignations (mostly of men leaving the State) 16; changes within the State, 10; new men entering the State, 17; ordinations, 5; deaths, 1.

The new pastors were then welcomed to the State by Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D.D., of New Britain.

The first essay was read by Rev. O. W. Foye. Topic: The Church and Citizenship.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then given.

President — Rev. F. D. Elmer, Winsted.
Secretary — Rev. E. Sanderson, Montville.

DIRECTORS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	
Ashford,	Rev. C. W. Wolfe.
Fairfield,	Rev. F. C. Brown.
Hartford,	Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D.
New Haven,	Rev. W. A. Spinney.
New London,	Rev. J. A. Elder.
Stonington Union,	Rev. E. W. Potter.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERS' HOME SOCIETY.

Rev. George M. Stone, D.D., Rev. P. C. Wright,
Rev. J. W. Richardson, Rev. R. A. Ashworth.

ESSAYISTS FOR 1907.

First Essayist — Rev. D. D. Munro.
Alternate — Rev. Geo. D. Reid.
Second Essayist — Rev. A. B. Coats, D.D.
Alternate — Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D.D.

Report was adopted, and the newly elected President, Rev. F. D. Elmer, took the chair.

Singing, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." The second essay was then read by Rev. J. Wilbur Richardson. Topic: The Authority Belonging to a New Testament Minister. The essays were discussed by Brethren Muir, Cooper, Genung, Haywood, Stubbert, Bartlett, Thompson, Goodall and Spinney.

Rev. C. A. Cook was introduced and addressed the Conference briefly on Christian Stewardship.

Rev. H. M. Pogson, D.D., presented the needs of the Baptist Ministers' Home Society. A collection for this object was taken which amounted to $13.54.

A message of sympathy was voted to be sent to Rev. T. G. Wright of Hartford, an aged former pastor in Connecticut, who is now in feeble health.

Brethren Richardson and Foye made concluding remarks on the criticism of their essays and the closing prayer was offered by Rev. P. S. Evans, D.D.

F. D. ELMER, *President.*

E. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

RECEPTION TO MINISTERS' WIVES.

SECRETARY — MRS. ELIZABETH M. THOMPSON, Hartford.

At the hour when the Baptist Ministers' Conference was in session, some of their wives were assembling in the beautiful parsonage of the South Norwalk Church, receiving cordial greeting from Mrs. Carpenter, renewing old, and making new acquaintance with each other.

In due time the gathering was called to order by the Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Messenger, for business and discussion of the topic, The Duty of the Minister's Wife (a) To the Church, (b) To the Pastor, (c) To Herself. The roll call showed twenty in attendance.

Mrs. H. M. Thompson was elected Secretary for the ensuing year. Then the topic of the day was opened for discussion proving very interesting and suggestive. Nearly, if not quite, all present participated in some manner, and most of us found it impossible to analyze ourselves, and thus determine the distinction between duty and privilege.

Division A called forth a variety of opinions, but unanimous desire to do all known duty. Division B was evidently best understood, and there seemed perfect unanimity of thought concerning it, while Division C was discussed least of all.

Question: Was this because of unselfishness, or because of lack of appreciation of her duty to herself?

Fleeting time warned that this most interesting discussion should be brought to a close.

It was voted that the Secretary should each year appoint one lady from each Association to act with the wife of the pastor of the entertaining church as a Reception Committee. The following ladies will serve for 1907:

Mrs. McKeever,	New London Association.
Mrs. Curtis,	New Haven Association.
Mrs. Bates,	Stonington Union Association.
Mrs. Peake,	Ashford Association.
Mrs. Divine,	Hartford Association.
Mrs. Carpenter,	Fairfield Association.

Also voted that the Program Committee for 1907 should consist of Mrs. Spinney, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Thompson.

Topic for 1907: Woman's Part in the Various Missionary Interests of Our Churches. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Carpenter for her hospitality.

Adjourned to meet in 1907.

ELIZABETH M. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

Baptist Social Union of Connecticut.

President. — William J. Grippin, Bridgeport.

Vice-Presidents. — William F. Walker, New Britain; E. S. Fairchild, Danbury; and Robert Palmer, Noank.

Secretary and Treasurer. — Frederick W. Payne, Hartford.

Executive Committee.—Adams P. Carroll, Norwich; C. P. Gladding, Hartford; Geo. E. Stiles, Willimantic; Arthur E. Miller, Meriden; Edw. K. Nicholson, Bridgeport; William O'Neil, Waterbury; Wm. H. Douglass, New Haven; Henry P. Morgan, South Norwalk, and the Officers.

Auditor. — J. Harry Crossley, Bridgeport.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET

was served by Andrews of Bridgeport in rooms of the Congregational Church, and promptly, at 6:30 P. M. After grace was said by Rev. Mr. Duncan of South Norwalk, the 140 guests of the Union amply justified the satisfactory menu presented and prepared themselves for the literary and spiritual feast to follow.

In introducing the principal speaker, Rev. B. L. Whitman, D.D., of Philadelphia, President Grippin referred first to the Social Union, its aid to the Convention, its objects, and its hopes for the future. Glancing over the Convention program he saw a little printing, under it the word "deceased." Unless the Union can receive better support, a more favorable response to its appeal for increased membership, the word "deceased" *will* unfortunately apply. He referred feelingly to deaths from the membership during the past year — Governor Howard, Auditor Denison, Deacon Smith of Suffield, Deacon Amesbury of Danbury, Deacon Smith of Waterbury.

Dr. Whitman prefaced his address on "The Distinctive Christian Accent" with remarks relative to the Social Union— a great institution, to be kept, strengthened and prized for it's a precious thing. It would be well if all the State Conventions had so unique and helpful an institution!

"To-night I speak about Jesus Christ, deal kindly with the message, if not, you will deal unkindly with a brother's heart. If I were to say the world needs new life, you would say there is but *one* life; if a new message, there is but *one* message; what the world needs and what the pulpit needs is Jesus Christ. When we speak of religion we mean the relation of the soul to God. Much larger than what we do is what we *are;* some things take hold of what a man *is* and not what he does. Is religion a fact, or feeeling or conduct? Not one but all of them — the whole life is concerned. By whatever name you welcome that being I call God and Father, the secret lies in his presence in the soul. The outpouring of life on the day of Pentecost can only be typical of what Peter said, "Upon *all flesh* shall the Spirit be poured out." The life of God in the soul through the Spirit of God in the soul — that is religion.

Wherever and whenever the Spirit of God is wanting there *The Distinctive Christian Accent* is wanting. Christ has given richly, as fitting, of his life to the Church. Whatever worlds there are, they are central to Him. Whatever things are good at last He has them. What He is by nature we are to be by adoption. You cannot understand anything *fully* without knowing everything about Him.

Jesus Christ is the ruler of the nations: He is the center of Truth, the future is His. Whatever is going on the other side of the veil we call Death. He is there. Heir to all things, sustaining all things, they cannot be drifting to the devil. The only warrant for anything in the pulpit, or in the classroom, is its relation to Jesus Christ.

He takes men out of sin that they may become sons of God. The redemptive work of Jesus Christ has been so emphasized until we have forgotten that He puts us on the highway, the other end of which is *Sonship* of God. Ultimately men are to walk *like* God as Sons *of* God, taken out of sin to become holy, delivered from bondage into liberty!

What then is our duty? To study the relation of the things of our life to Jesus Christ. To learn the mind of Christ — to think, to feel, to will as He did.

Men are not saved by nature, by ritual, by a creed, through revelation by angels or by prophets, but by Jesus Christ. The message of the great day of the Church's power is the message of Jesus Christ. The Church will then become, what it was at the beginning, a Witnessing Church filled with the Holy Ghost.

Someone involuntarily started "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," quickly taken up and then the Union was dismissed, the benediction pronounced by Rev. C. A. Piddock, of Hartford.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K W. PAYNE, *Secretary.*

IN MEMORIAM.

The list of our dead this year is unusually long, and includes some of our best known laymen. James Leland Howard, Jabez Amsbury, John Ledyard Denison, Dwight L. Smith, and Martin H. Smith are no longer to be numbered among us here on earth, and in our future gatherings we shall miss their cheerful faces and their wise counsels. Loving tribute has already been paid to each of them by the Obituary Committee of the State Convention, and it remains for us to mention their fidelity as members of the Social Union, and to the various religious and financial interests of our churches.

James L. Howard was a constituent member of the Union and its first President, which office he held for ten years, though not consecutively, and he was always prominent in its affairs, especially

in paying its expenses. To him will be cheerfully accorded the first place by those of us who knew him in the glorious prime of his manhood and activity.

Jabez Amsbury and John L. Denison became members of the Union at the second meeting in October 1871, the first meeting having been in June of the same year. The word "Fidelity" well describes Deacon Amsbury's life, for he was always at the meetings of the Union, and was for many years Vice-President. For over twenty-five years he was Superintendent of the Bible School of the Second Baptist Church of Danbury, and for fifty years Cashier of the Danbury National Bank. He was one of the early members of the Central Church of Norwich, as was also Deacon Denison. The latter was Superintendent of the Bible School of the Central Church nearly twenty-five years, before coming to Hartford about twenty-eight years ago, when he identified himself with the Asylum Avenue Church. Deacon Denison's life has been an inspiration to many a young man. Deacon Amsbury was a man of great dignity of character. The two men were warm friends and had much in common. Deacon Denison will be especially missed in the meetings of the Education Society in which he took a lively interest.

Another of our members, Deacon Dwight L. Smith of the First Church, Waterbury has fallen asleep, and we shall miss his genial presence at our meetings. He, too, had been Superintendent of the Bible School of the First Church, Waterbury, over twenty-five years, and was, in former years, actively identified with Bible School work. He was generous in his benevolence, and will be greatly missed, not only in Waterbury, but throughout the State. He was one of the early members of the Union.

Judge Martin H. Smith was the youngest of this remarkable group of men, though he was over seventy years old. He was born in Suffield and has lived there for many years. His memory will be cherished by many old graduates of the Connecticut Literary Institution of which he was Principal for about ten years. He was Clerk of the Second Church of Suffield about twenty-five years, and a member of the Social Union over twenty years.

The memory of these brethren is a precious heritage, and should be an inspiration to us all. Let us emulate their faithfulness. They wrought well in their day and generation, and have left a glorious record. The work still remains for us to carry on. "God buries His workers, but carries on His work."

For the Social Union,

CHARLES A. PIDDOCK,
Committee.

THE BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION OF CONNECTICUT.

1. The object of this Society shall be the cultivation of a more intimate acquaintance with the interests, local and general, of the Baptist denomination, and for the encouragement of a more friendly and social intercourse among its laymen.

2. Membership fee — nothing. Annual dues, $3.00. The payment of the annual dues entitles each member to two tickets to annual banquet.

3. Next Annual Meeting and Banquet in October, 1907.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

State Organization of the Baptist Young People of Connecticut.

President — REV. O. W. FOYE, Torrington.
First Vice-President — REV. J. H. MESSENGER, Deep River.
Second Vice-President — REV. FRED'K LENT, Ph.D., New Haven.
Secretary — W. O. SHELLEY, Hartford.
Treasurer — THEO. T. PHILLIPS, Bridgeport.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. A. E. Harris, Meriden.	Rev. H. E. Wise, Norwich.
Rev. G. C. Chappell, Warrenville,	Newton C. Smith, Waterbury.
Lester VanStone, Bridgeport.	E. G. Hutchinson, Hartford.
Chas. B. Green, New London.	Rev. E. W. Potter, Jewett City.
Rev. P. C. Wright, Norwich.	Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., Hartford.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People of Connecticut was held in the Baptist Church, South Norwalk, October 15, 16, 1906. The session was opened at

7:30 P. M. Oct. 15, with a Praise Service under the leadership of Rev. C. K. Flanders. Rev. O. W. Foye led in prayer. Rev. J. G. Ward was appointed Clerk, pro tem. President Messenger announced the names of the Nominating Committee, Rev. P. C. Wright, Harold Bowen, Miss Martha Watkins.

Newton C. Smith presented the report of the Board of Managers, showing the effort that has been made to lead every Society to take some active part in Christian work in the State. Old misunderstandings of the purpose of the meetings have given way, and the Societies are more ready to co-operate with the State Convention work. One Conference was held in Hartford and the result will be the strengthening of the work all over the State. The work has been hindered by lack of funds. We recommend, that the incoming Board of Managers be appointed a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws to govern the work of this organization, and that a copy of this Constitution be sent to every local Society of Baptist Young People of the State.

Voted, That the report with the recommendation be adopted.

The report of the Secretary G. W. Hull was read by J. G. Ward. There has been an encouraging increase in the numbers. Many Societies have no junior society; most of the Societies take some Young People's paper, and nearly every Society contributes to the Colportage work.

The Treasurer, T. T. Phillips presented his report showing receipts amounting to $71.34 and at the close of the year a balance on hand of $15.13.

The report was accepted.

After an anthem by the choir, Acting President, Rev. J. H. Messenger gave the Annual Address, in which he urged upon the Young People the importance of using their high privilege of being co-workers together with God, and as the result of this they would, of necessity, become workers with each other.

An offering amounting to $20.81 was received.

Rev. P. C. Wright presented the report of the Nominating Committee and the following Officers were elected:

President — Rev. O. W. Foye, Torrington.
First Vice-President — Rev. J. H. Messenger, Deep River.
Second Vice-President — Rev. Frederick Lent, New Haven.
Secretary — W. O. Shelley, Hartford.
Treasurer — T. T. Phillips, Bridgeport.

Board of Managers.

Ashford, ...	Rev. G. C. Chappell, Warrenville.
Fairfield, ...	Lester VanSt[illegible]ne, Bridgeport.
Hartford, ...	E. G. Hutchinson, Hartford.
New Haven, . . .	Newton C. Smith, Waterbury.
New London, . . .	Charles B. Green, New London.
Stonington Union, . .	Rev. E. W. Potter, Jewett City.

Representative of State C. E. Union, Rev. A. E. Harris, Meriden.
Representative of National B. Y. P. U. Rev. H. E. Wise, Norwich.
Rep. to All New Eng. Conference, Rev. P. C. Wright, Norwich.
Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., Hartford.

After singing, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," Rev. D. D. MacLaurin, D.D., delivered a very interesting and helpful address on "The Value of the Evangelistic Spirit in Our Churches."

He defined the meaning of the Evangelistic Spirit, showed the absolute necessity for that spirit, and the results in prayer and work where that is found.

Rev. H. E. Wise in a few words told the meaning of the banners and then presented the Senior banner to the Young People's Society connected with the Church at Willington, and the Junior banner to the Society connected with the Wallingford Church. He then introduced Miss Florence Ben-Oliel who brought out in a graphic manner the meaning of the shepherd's work and life in Palestine.

Rev. O. W. Foye of Torrington, the new President of the Society was introduced, and briefly responded.

After the benediction by Rev. J. H. Messenger the meeting adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Rev. D. J. Neily led the praise and devotional service Tuesday morning, reading 1 Cor. 13, and offering prayer.

Rev. A. E. Harris spoke of the Junior Work. No one can overestimate the potential value of the Young People; then there are possibilities before the Young People, such as have never been known in the past. The Senior Society has the priceless privilege of starting the work among the Juniors; and this is possible even in scattered communities, — even though there be only four or five to unite.

Miss Florence Ben-Oliel gave many illustrations of the water, bread, and blood covenant, having fifteen dressed as Arabs to illustrate many passages from the Bible.

At 10:05 A. M. the Convention adjourned after prayer.

J. G. WARD, *Secretary, Pro Tem.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Oct. 16, 1905, ...	$17 63
Convention collection, ...	10 13
Received from H. H. Pettis, Treasurer Central Committee, .	33 58
Received from Y. P. S. C. E., Calvary, New Haven, . .	10 00
	$71 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Convention Expenses in 1905, travelling $8.36, postage $1.00,	$9 36
Postage, (R. E. C.)	20
Postage and Travelling Expenses, (W. F. Rowley) . .	1 70
Postage, G. W. Hull, ...	4 00
Bristol Press Pub. Co., ...	12 50
Travelling Expenses, Committee Meeting and Postage, .	6 50
Travelling Expenses, Committee Meeting, ...	14 08
Miss Brokaw, Banquet at Hartford, ...	5 00
G. W. Hull, tel. and other expenses, ...	2 87
Balance, ...	15 13
	$71 34

Deposited in the Pequonnock Nat. Bank, Bridgeport.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE T. PHILLIPS,
Treasurer.

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

PRESIDENT.
REV. G. M. STONE, D.D., Hartford.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.
REV. H. M. THOMPSON, D.D., Hartford, W. J. GRIPPIN, Bridgeport.

SECRETARY.
REV. G. W. NICHOLSON, Bridgeport.

TREASURER.
E. B. BOYNTON, Hartford.

AUDITOR.
THOMAS SISSON, Hartford.

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PROF. R. K. BEARCE, SUFFIELD. J. W. LAMB, Hartford.
REV. F. LENT, Ph.D., New Haven.

TRUSTEES OF SUFFIELD ACADEMY.

TERM EXPIRES IN 1907.

Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Meriden, Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford,
Rev. T. E. Brown, D.D., New Britain, Prof. Wm. I. Phelps, New Haven,
Rev. G. H. Ferris, Philadelphia, Pierce N. Welch, New Haven,
Rev. Henry Clarke, Bristol, Wm. A. Kelsey, Meriden,
Rev. Oscar Haywood, D.D., Waterbury, G. M. Montgomery, Windsor Locks.

TERM EXPIRES IN 1908.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, Hartford, M. M. Johnson, M.D., Hartford,
Geo. F. Kendall, Suffield, Rev. L. Requa, New York City,
Chas. L. Spencer, Suffield, Alfred Shipley, Waterbury,
Chas. C. Bissell, Suffield, Henry B. Russell, Suffield,
Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., F. V. Preston, Hartford,
Chicopee Falls, Mass. T. Henry Spencer, Holyoke, Mass.
Rev. F. D. Elmer, Winsted, Rev. F. G. McKeever D.D.,
New London.

TERM EXPIRES IN 1909.

Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford, Rev. R. S. MacArthur, D.D., N. York
Rev. F. C. Sage, Ph.D., New Haven, Rev. R. Harmon Potter, Hartford,
M. F. Newton, M.D., Suffield, Rev. J. S. Lyon, Holyoke, Mass.,
Geo. P. Comer, Cleveland, O., Richard D. Zeng.
Luther C. Glazier, Hartford, Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden.

CHARTER.

Passed May, 1820.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened* That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jesse Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Asahel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society*," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their Constitution — not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The first meeting of said Society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1821.

SEC. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist Churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-nine (39) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A.M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.

ART. 8. The Executive Committee shall, annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from the Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B. — The amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21), nor more than thirty-three (33), members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Notice.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society, will please send direct to Mr. E. B. Boynton, 902 Main street, Hartford.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

SOUTH NORWALK, CONN., October 17, 1906.

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Education Society was held in the Baptist Church beginning at 10 a. m. Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., President, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. Lent of New Haven.

The Annual Address was delivered by Dr. Stone.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Nomination of Officers — Rev. P. C. Wright, Rev. H. B. Carpenter, Rev. J. W. Richardson.

On Nomination of Trustees for Suffield Academy — Rev. C. A Piddock, Rev. W. V. Gray, Rev. F. C. Brown.

On Enrollment — Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. W. A. Spinney, Rev. O. W. Foye.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer was read, accepted, and, after discussion, ordered printed in the minutes; the treasury having been overdrawn about seven hundred dollars, subscriptions were asked for, and the following made themselves Life Members by payment of fifteen dollars: Rev. C. A. Piddock, G. M. Stone, D.D., E. B. Boynton, L. A. Skinner, Hon. C. O. Spencer, and a number of others made themselves Annual Members by the payment of $1.00. Then a collection was taken. The total received in pledges and cash, $137.00.

Short addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Maplesden and Prof. R. K. Bearce.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported:

President, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

First Vice-President, Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D.

Second Vice-President, W. J. Grippin.

Secretary, Rev. G. W. Nicholson.

Treasurer, E. B. Boynton.

Auditor, Thomas Sisson.

Trustees of Education Society, Rev. H. Pattison, Hartford; Rev. T. E. Brown, D.D., New Britain; Rev. F. Lent, New Haven; Prof. R. K. Bearce, Suffield; J. W. Lamb, Hartford.

Committee on Nomination of Trustees for Suffield Academy reported the following to serve for three years, and they were elected.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford; Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., New York; Rev. R. S. MacArthur, D.D., New York; Rev. J. S. Lyon, Holyoke, Mass.; Rev. R. H. Potter, D.D., Hartford; M. T. Newton, M.D., Suffield; Luther Glazier, Hartford; Edward Miller, Meriden; Richard D. Zeng; Geo. P. Comer, Cleveland, O.

After singing, the Annual Address was delivered by Rev. N. E. Wood, D.D., President of Newton Theological Seminary, on the theme, "Problem of the Christian Ministry." The Ministry has been discredited in certain respects by some in the Church, Society and the Home — very unwisely and without discretion.

It is the greatest thing in life after Salvation. It is the highest calling known among men. The Minister's position in the community is, without question, among the best. His opportunities of usefulness are unlimited.

The address was listened to with the closest attention, and brought forth many hearty responses.

Committee on Enrollment reported in pledges and cash, $137.00. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. D. McKinney, and the meeting adjourned.

G. W. NICHOLSON,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN: — It is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, that we greet you today. The experiences of the year have been varied; sickness and death have invaded our ranks, a decrease in the number of beneficiaries on our list, a decrease in receipts from the Churches. Still we look into the future with hope, and good cheer. God has given us marked tokens of his favor, for which we praise Him and take courage.

Brother Clyde R. Smith of Hartford, (son of Rev. H. G. Smith, deceased) one of our most devoted students, was called to his reward, after an illness of several weeks. He was baptized into the First Baptist Church of Hartford at the early age of eleven years; he developed into an earnest Christian young man, with many sterling qualities, and gave promise of great usefulness in his chosen calling, which was that of medical missionary to the foreign field. He prepared for College at Mount Hermon, Mass., and entered Brown University in 1904 and was just entering upon his Sophomore year when he was stricken with typhoid fever and passed away Nov. 4, 1905.

January 2, 1906, our good brother Deacon Jabez Amsbury of Danbury, one of our life long supporters, was called to his reward.

May 1st, 1906, Hon. James L. Howard, so long a standard bearer in our denomination, known and loved by multitudes of our Baptist hosts throughout the state and the country, President of our Society for several years, and one of our most loyal and liberal supporters, a good man, a wise counsellor, a true friend, a generous giver has fallen on sleep. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him. We acknowledge with grateful appreciation his bequest of two thousand ($2,000) dollars for the use of the Society.

July 2nd, 1906, J. L. Denison of Hartford, also one of our Presidents and for many years one of our most enthusiastic helpers; year after year his voice has been heard at these annual gatherings appealing for the liberal support of the young men whom the Lord called who, though poor, were worthy of the aid we could give them. We will miss his genial countenance and his earnest pleas.

May the Lord of the Harvest raise up others to fill the places of those who have left us.

We have had under our care during this year seventeen young men in the following Institutes of Learning:

Suffield,	5
Rochester,	3
Brown,	3
Colby,	1
Newton Centre,	2
Crozer,	1
Morgan Park,	1
Union, Richmond,	1

R. B. Longwell and R. H. Tibballs, having finished their studies, have been assigned by the Missionary Union to positions on the Foreign field, and will soon be at work for the Master.

Clyde R. Smith died Nov. 4, 1905.

Francis H. Rose has withdrawn from the Society, hoping to secure aid from the Northern Education Society.

Aid has been withdrawn from R. H. Kohler, because of failure to comply with the conditions of the Board.

A. C. Hanna proposes to take a year's vacation in order to secure funds.

Carl F. Whalen, owing to illness from overwork, has been obliged to rest for a season.

Albert H. Stanton, who has been traveling abroad during the past year, wishes to take up his studies again.

Abbott H. Smith of the First Baptist Church, Hartford, applies for aid.

The question which naturally arises after this Report is really the question confronting all our Education Societies and Theological Seminaries today, Why are so few young men preparing for the ministry? Is there not just cause for alarm, in the gradual decline in the numbers of those who seem willing to give themselves to this great work? How is it to be accounted for?

In the last two years there has been a decrease of from 25 to 40 per cent. of young men in our Institutions of Learning with the ministry in view. Has the call of God lost its power? The ministry its prestige? Are the inducements more attractive in the other professions? Or is it the small compensation which, to the surprise of all, is decreasing, while in other professions, and trades, salaries and wages have increased, as have goods and chattels, food and fuel, clothing and rents. Or is it because of the low state of spirituality existing in so many places?

Should we not call the people back to prayer, to the study of the Word, and to personal responsibility? There has come over many of our churches a great change. Under the Mosaic economy ample pro-

vision was made for the priesthood; the people were held rigidly responsible, and failing to make provision severe punishment was meted out to them; poverty and disaster. The Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him, for he hath no portion, or inheritance with thee. Mal. 3.

Your Board are delighted with the good work being done at Suffield, under the able management of Prof. Bearce, and his corps of Instructors; and ask that you commend the Institution to your people. Brethren, we would urge you to remember the Education Society with a generous offering, sometime during the coming year, as our current receipts do not meet our current expenses. In 1905 only forty-five churches contributed to this work, one hundred and four did not give anything. In 1895 the offerings were $1,668.42. In 1905 they were $830.75, less than one-half.

Does this in anywise answer the question, as to the cause of decrease in the number of applicants for aid? Whether it does or not, surely there is need of greater liberality, and more general contributions, on the part of our churches, that the Society be not hampered in its endeavors to assist the young men.

May the Lord lead us to see our responsibility and largely respond.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NICHOLSON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 17, 1906.

E. B. BOYNTON, *Treasurer*,

in account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Oct. 16, 1905,		$2,477 49
Contributions from Churches and Individuals,		587 16
Interest,		207 09
Withdrawn from Tolland Savings Bank,		1,000 00
Bequest Estate James L. Howard,		2,000 00
		$6,271 74

EXPENDITURES.

Appropriations,	$1,507 50	
Expenses, etc.,	36 39	
Printing Minutes,	26 00	
Investments in Savings Banks,	2,207 09	
Balance on hand, in Phoenix Nat'l Bank,	2,494 76	
		$6,271 74

STATEMENT.

Investment, in Savings Banks,	$12,905 12	
Balance in Phoenix National Bank,	2,494 76	
Total resources,		$15,399 88

E. B. Boynton, *Treasurer*,

in account with

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

RECEIPTS.

Brooklyn Church,	$13 00
Danielson Church,	17 00
Thompson, Central,	9 00
Warrenville,	2 00
Bridgeport First,	72 50
New Milford,	2 00
Stamford, First,	23 75
Stratfield,	4 80
Stratford, First,	50
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	63 71
Hartford, Memorial,	13 50
Hartford, South,	74 00
New Britain, First,	19 41
Rockville,	10 00
Winsted,	1 60
Deep River,	22 66
Essex,	11 79
New Haven, Calvary,	96 45
New Haven, Olivet,	3 12
Shelton,	2 00
Wallingford,	45 00
Montville Union,	5 00
Niantic,	5 00
Norwich, Central,	15 00
Packerville,	5 00
Sterling,	3 00
Stratfield, Bible School,	3 70
Isaac A. Morse and Rev. C. C. Smith,	2 00
Membership Fees,	28 00
Collection at Convention,	12 63
Interest,	207 09
Withdrawn from Tolland Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Bequest, Hon. James L. Howard,	2,000 00
	$6,271 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriations,	B. C. Bugbee,	$100 00
"	R. W. Kohler,	75 00
"	R. B. Longwell,	93 75
"	C. R. Smith,	50 00
"	R. H. Tibbals,	125 00
"	C. F. Thelin,	100 00
"	A. C. Hanna,	100 00
"	G. L. Cook,	100 00
"	A. H. Newitz,	50 00
"	C. R. Chappell,	118 75
"	C. F. Fields,	125 00
"	A. H. Boutwell,	100 00
"	G. H. Barrett,	75 00
"	George F. Sykes,	75 00
"	David Stotz,	75 00
"	F. H. Rose,	75 00
"	G. L. Migkins,	45 00
"	A. D. Creelman,	25 00
Expenses of Secretary,		13 39
Postage and Expenses of Treasurer,		3 00
Convention Speaker,		20 00
Printing Minutes in Annual (1905)		26 00
Interest applied in Savings Banks,		207 09
Investment, (Savings Bank of New Britain)		1,000 00
Investment, (City Savings Bank, Meriden)		1,000 00
Balance in Phoenix National Bank, Hartford,		2,494 76
		$6,271 74

Respectfully submitted.

E. B. BOYNTON,
Treasurer.

October 9, 1906.

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

THOMAS SISSON,
Auditor.

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Adams, Rev. R. J.
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Atwood, Elnathan
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Ambler, James L.
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Andrews, Isaac
Asby, Edward
Bartlett, Matthew J.
Bates, James N.
Beach, Theodore B.
Beaumont, J.
Beers, George S.
Birdsey, Linus
Birdsey, R. C.
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Boynton, E. B.
Broomley, Isaac H.
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Brotherton, Cyrus C.
Brown, Rev. J. P.
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Butrick, Rev. W. H.
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Chandler, George P.
Chapman, Silas, Jr.
Chase, Rev. J. N.
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Crocker, Orsamus
Crofut, Henry
Curtis, William A.
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Dean, Rev. Wilfred
Ellwood, Helen
Elmer, Rev. F. D.
Evans, Rev. P. S.
Ewing, W. A.
Fennell, Rev. W. G.
Filon, R. A.
Fitch, Dr. J. C.
Fitch, Mrs. J. C.
French, David
Fry, Mrs. John
Gardner, Rev. Geo. H.
Garton, Rev. J. V.
Gates, Dea. Horace S.
Gowen, Rev. L. D.
Gager, Charles E.
Green, Jay
Gridley, Joel A.
Griffin, C. A.
Hamlin, E. C.
Hart, Daniel H.
Hayes, J. W.
Herr, Mrs. J. D.
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Holbrook, Rev. C. F.
Hurlbut, J. W.
Hyatt Mary A.
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Ives, John
Ives, Rev. Sumner A.
Ives, N. P.
Ives, Mrs. Wealthy S.
James, Rev. J. S.
Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
Judd, W. S.
Kelly. J. V. D.
Keyes, William
Kneeland, Rev. F. W.
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Ludlow, Elizabeth
Ludlow, Mary
Marvin, George
Mason, Rev. A. F.
McCarthy, Rev. William
McKinney, Rev. W. D.
Merriam, J. B.
Miller, Edward
Miller, Benjamin L.
Montgomery, William
Morse, Rev. B. S.
Morse, H. J.
Mosley, E. W.
Munyan, Chester G.
Morris, D. E.
Neale, Stephen Douglas
Newcomb, James.
Nicholson, Rev. Geo. W.
Nordell, Spaulding
Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
Parker, S. A.
Payne, Rev. J. W.
Pearson, Lucius T.
Perkins, William
Perkins, R. B.
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Phelps, Rev. Arthur S.
Phelps, William L.
Phelps, Dryden Linsley
Pickett, Dea. William
Piddock, Rev. C. A.
Plant, Alfred
Plant, William
Poteat, Rev. E. M.
Potter, Rev. L. L.
Post, Julius P.
Pratt, Horace H.
Preston, Edward V.
Preston, S. T.
Prior, Chas. Edward
Prowitt, Charles S.
Prowitt, J. T.
Ray, Rev. C. W.
Reid, Mrs. Williams
Reynolds, G. L.
Richardson, Rev. J. W.
Robbins, William H.
Robinson, S. A.
Robinson, Elizabeth
Sage, Rev. E. G., Ph.D.
Saunders, H. H.
Setchell, Charles F.
Sexton, George
Shelly, Russell T.
Sherwood, Mrs. T.
Shipley, Dea. A. J.
Sibley, I. S.
Silliman, Dea. Ezra
Sisson, Thomas
Skinner L. A.
Slate, Daniel L.
Slater, Rev. F. A.
Sloper, A. J.
Smith, Rev. Leonard
Spencer, Carnot O.
Spencer, Dea. J.
Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
Southworth, Levi B.
Stevens, W. B.
Stevens, Dr. B. H.
Steward, Mrs. Matilda
Stidham, Rev. I. F., Ph.D.
Stone, Rev. G. M., D.D.
Strickland, James L.
Stubbert, Mrs. Emma S.
Sullivan, W. H.
Taylor, Rev. J. A.
Terrell, Edward
Thompson, Rev. H. M.
Thompson, Mrs. H. M.
Thompson, A. M.
Thompson, D. W.
Tuller, G. W.
Turner, Peter C.
Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
Turner, Rev. R. E.
Twiss, Waldo C.
Vaun, Samuel A.
Walker, W. F.
Wallace, James A.
Ward, N.
Weller, Samuel
West, L. M.
West, Rev. W. Ward
White, Abijah
White, Mrs. Abigail
White, J. W.
Whitford, H. G.
Wightman, J. E.
Wightman, Rev. P. G.
Wilbur, R. P.
Wilcox, E. H.
Williams, Hon. D. J.
Williams, James A.
Wilson, Rev. Cable
Wilson, Rev. C. B.

APPLICATION FOR AID.

When a young man applies for aid he is required to present a letter from his church, in substance, as follows:

This certifies that Mr. is a regular member of the Baptist church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in his sacred work. He is, therefore, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Baptist church in

Clerk. Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

BAPTIST STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Churches, 46,583; Baptisms, 255,570; Total Membership, 4,709,311; Contributions, $3,242,960, Church expenses, $14,690,012.

Theological Schools, 9; Students, 1,093, Property and Endowment, $5,542,326.

Universities and Colleges, 94; Students, 28,914; Property and Endowment, $43,058,574.

Academies and Seminaries, 100; Students, 16,225; Property and Endowment, $6,329,571.

Value of the church property, $106,209,716. Total value of property owned and controlled by the Baptists of the United States for religious and educational purposes, $161,140,127

NOTE.—All the foregoing statistics are for the year 1905.

WHERE TO SEND MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

State Missions,	Mr. W. F. Walker, New Britain, Conn.
Foreign Missions, . .	Mr. Chas. W. Perkins, Ford Building, Boston, Mass.
Woman's Foreign Missions,	Miss Alice E. Stedman, Ford Building, Boston, Mass.
Home Missions, . .	Rev. F. T. Hazelwood, D.D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
Woman's Home Missions,	Miss Gertrude L. Davis, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
Publication Society, .	Rev. Chas. H. Spalding, 256 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.
Baptist Ministers' Home,	Rev. M. H. Pogson, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Connecticut Baptist Education Society, . .	Mr. F. B. Brayton, Hartford, Conn. 902 Main Street.
Connecticut Literary Institute,	Mr. L. Henry Spencer, Holyoke, Mass.